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CONGRESS.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

COMPLETION OF THE BILL IN THE HOUSE—NO AMENDMENTS MADE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The House to-day finished the Naval Appropriation bill. Credit for the result belongs largely to Mr. Hale, of Maine, the member of the committee charged with its management. The bill passed exactly as reported by the Committee on Appropriations, without the addition of a single amendment, save the correction of two unimportant clerical errors, which is something altogether unprecedented in a bill of such magnitude. The bill appropriates $16,500,000. The Naval Deficiency bill passed in the House, and in the Senate, with an amendment. It has not yet become a law. The Randall amendment, with respect to deficiencies, and the discussion of the Marine Corps, alone attracted attention during the debate. The Randall amendment, as amended by Loughridge, provided that it should be a misdemeanor for any officers of the Government to use money in excess of the appropriations for each fiscal year. The Loughridge amendment permitted the President, in times of national danger, in his discretion, to violate this rule. Both amendments were defeated through opposition alike from the Democrats and Republicans. Some maintained that the rule was useless, since the remedy now exists through impeachment and the law which provides that no officer shall use money in excess of his appropriation, or involve the Government in any contracts in excess thereof. Mr. Beck thought he had discovered in this amendment another attempt to violate the Constitution, and opposed it as an unwarranted extension of the Executive power. Gen. Hawley, of Connecticut, thought it would be better to leave the laws as they are, and trust to any President in time of stress to dare to save the Government rather than to place a dim and misty law upon the statute books which might in the future prove a danger to the Republic.

THE RULES.

Two hours were spent to-day in a wrangle about amending the rules of the House. The result was that all the resolutions on the subject that had been introduced were laid on the table. Mr. Randall, of the Committee on Rules, reported a new rule which directs the official reporters to make brief mention of all petitions and memorials introduced, which is not now done, except at the request of members introducing them. Upon the text were hung several grave disquisitions upon the constitutional right of petitions. George F. Hoar thought that the present rule of the House, under which no petition can be presented except by unanimous consent, is an invasion of the constitutional right of petition, and he desired that the Committee on Rules be directed to suggest some remedy for this practical denial of the right of petition. Fernando Wood treated the House to a novel exposition of the amendment to the Constitution regarding the right to petition. He maintained that the existing belief is a popular fallacy, and that there is no warrant whatever in the Constitution which would permit a citizen to present a petition to Congress, much less to the House of Representatives. The amendment runs, "or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." He averred that petitions should be addressed to the "Government," which certainly the House could not claim itself to be, and that the word "and" showed that the petition, within the purview of the amendment, should not emanate from private citizens, but from peaceful assemblages of citizens, convened to seek relief from grievances.

THE SENATE DEBATE ON THE FINANCES.

The Senate spent the entire day in the consideration of the resolutions on the finances which were before it yesterday. Long speeches were delivered by Senators Morton and Howe. Mr. Morton replied rigorously to the criticisms made by Mr. Schurz, yesterday, upon his former speech on the same subject, and took occasion at the same time to refer to some other propositions advanced in the previous debate that he regards as fallacies. The question comes up again to-morrow, but there is no prospect of a speedy termination of the debate. It is, however, very evident from the tenor of the speeches and the whole tone of the discussion, both in and out of the Senate, that no legislation touching the finances will be enacted for many weeks, if at all, during this session. The proposition before the Senate, being only a resolution indicating the sense of the Senate on the resumption of specie payments, is extremely abstract, and the speeches, carefully-prepared and very able essays on finance as they are, make little impression, and are generally regarded outside of the Senate, if not in it, as absorbing time to little purpose. It would be otherwise if the position of a majority of the Senate were not sufficiently known. But no one doubts the conservative character of the body on this subject.

RETRENCHMENT—REDUCTION OF THE ARMY.

The House Committee on Appropriations have so far advanced with their work that they now expect to make an absolute reduction of $20,000,000 in the total estimates. The increase of taxation, if any, will be rendered necessary by the very considerable Deficiency bills, which must be passed. It is hoped that no increase of taxes will be necessary. The committee have decided to recommend a reduction of the rank and file of the army from 30,000 to 25,000 men. They have no power to reduce the salaries of the staff officers, which are fixed by statute. The Committee on Military Affairs have before them several bills proposing to reduce the salaries of officers of the staff.

RAILROAD FREIGHTS AND FARES.

The House Committee on Railroads and Canals expect to-morrow to take a vote upon the McCrary bill, which provides for the appointment of nine Commissioners to regulate freights and fares. It is expected that the bill will be favorably reported, but its friends anticipate defeat in the Senate, even should it pass the House.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

It is now the intent of the House Committee on the Judiciary to consider the Civil Rights bill, with the pending amendments, with the expectation of reporting the bill back next week. Several members of the committee express the opinion that the bill will be reported with the words "schools and colleges" stricken out.

UTAH AFFAIRS.

Gen. Maxwell, who is contesting the seat of Bishop Cannon, delegate from the Territory of Utah, will to-morrow ask the Committee on Elections to send for persons and papers, and take evidence as to various facts on which the contest rests. There is a strong disposition on the part of some members of the committee and many members of the House to have a thorough investigation of Utah affairs, and an authentic statement of the condition of affairs in that Territory, which report may form the basis of intelligent legislation.

THE CENTENNIAL.

The Centennial Committee have determined to report to the House a bill authorizing the Secretary of State to invite all foreign Governments to visit the centennial in 1876. It was thought at first that the Secretary of State would do this by Executive circular, but Mr. Fish disliked to assume the responsibility without authority from Congress, whence alone authority for such an invitation by the Government can proceed.

YELLOW FEVER.

The Senate has directed the Supervising Surgeon of the Marine Hospital service to make a history of the yellow fever epidemic of 1873 in this country, with special reference to details of prevention and hygiene. It is the intention of the Supervising Surgeon to complete the report before the end of the present session.

PERSONAL.

Ex-Gov. Seth Padelford, of Rhode Island, has been in this city for a few days, and has just left on his return to Providence. His principal business here was of a personal and private nature, but it is understood that he improved the opportunity of his visit for a sharp look at the prospect and possibility of succeeding Gov. Sprague as Senator from Rhode Island.

THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

SPECULATION AND RUMORS RIFE—ACTIVITY OF THE FRIENDS OF ASPIRANTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—There are a thousand speculations and rumors circulating to-night about the next nomination for Chief Justice. As no selection has been made, and will not be till to-morrow, if, indeed, till next week, predictions are useless. The time since Gen. Cushing's withdrawal has been seized by the friends of all the former aspirants for the place, and many new ones, to urge their respective claims and merits, and a column might be written of what this person has done and what that delegation has accomplished. The President is understood to have determined not to nominate without thorough deliberation, and if he is not fully satisfied to-morrow he will wait till next week. A very strong impression prevails, and it is so general as to make it worthy of mention, that the nomination will be made from the West. Mr. Waite, of the Geneva Counsel, is prominently connected with this rumor. Judge Dillon, of Iowa, is very strongly urged upon the President. There is also an impression finding frequent expression that a selection will be made of some person never actively engaged in political life. Nearly all expect next time an excellent nomination, which will meet the approval of the country.

DENIAL OF THE REPORTED NOMINATION OF JUDGE CURTIS, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Among the unauthorized and untruthful reports, to-day, was that Judge Curtis, of Massachusetts, had been selected by the President for the Chief Justiceship. The excitement caused by the report at the Capitol was of short duration. Various names continue to be mentioned in that connection. From certain indications the nomination may come from New-York in the person of Judge Woodruff. At least, intimations to this effect have been made in Congressional quarters. Several days may elapse before a nomination shall be sent to the Senate.

RUMOR REGARDING SENATOR CONKLING.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—At a late hour to-night an opinion prevails among a large number of Congressmen that Senator Conkling may accept the Chief Justiceship. He has left Washington for New-York.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The National Woman's Suffrage Association commenced its session here to-day at the Union League Hall. There was a large attendance of auditors, and on the platform was Miss Susan B. Anthony, who presided; Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. Matilda Jocelyn Gage, Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake, Mrs. Bliva A. Lockwood, Mrs. Sarah J. Spencer, Dr. Clemence S. Lozier, and Prof. Willcox.

Miss Anthony read the call for the convention, after which she invited any one to open with prayer, but no one volunteering, she continued to say: The prime object of the association was to obtain congressional aid in securing equal rights; that all they asked was equal rights with the colored men, who were the only class who had been invested with such rights by special legislation of Congress. She read a letter from Virginia L. Miner, of St. Louis, who says that her slaughter-house suit is now on the docket of the Supreme Court of the United States, and will be reached in about a year.

Various letters were read, including those of Gerrit Smith and Benj. F. Butler, and expressive of their sympathy with the cause.

Miss Anthony then stated the creed of the Suffragists, one clause of which was that a woman should get her ballot into the ballot-box whenever she can find a Judge of Election that will receive it. Another was, every woman who holds property on which tax is assessed should refuse to pay it unless she be permitted to vote.

Miss Anthony and others presented a petition for signers, which they propose laying before Congress. It sets forth that women have been denied a hearing as to their political rights at the bar of the Senate and the House, they being entirely unrepresented therein; that they have no voice in the choice of members to either body, although constituting one-half the people of the United States recognized by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution as the only source of power, and one-half of the governed, whose consent is necessary to all just Governments. Women are still subjected to many wrongs, among which is taxation without representation. They pray the honorable bodies to pass a law that shall exempt women from taxation for national purposes so long as they are unrepresented in the national councils.

Mrs. Sarah J. Spencer was then introduced, and delivered an eloquent address on woman suffrage, and particularly on the duty of Congress to give the women of this district and the Territories the right to vote by Legislative enactment.

Mesdames Gage, Blake, and Stanton severally addressed the convention in behalf of the cause.

AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 15.—The first annual meeting of the American Poultry Association was held here this afternoon. There was a large number of delegates present from every portion of the country. The following officers were elected: President, William H. Churchman, of Wilmington, Del.; Secretary, J. M. Wade, of Philadelphia; Treasurer, Edward B. Smith, of Buffalo. After an address from the President, the Association proceeded with the usual routine business—appointing committees, &c., and adjourned until to-morrow.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS FROM THE WISCONSIN STATE PRISON.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 15.—A special dispatch from Waupun to the *Daily Wisconsin* says three prisoners escaped from the State Prison last night, having been furnished with false keys and pistols. Among the party is the celebrated David Rogers, who, with Allen, almost escaped from the Chicago Jail, and also from the Milwaukee Jail. Sentence died for burglary.

ALBANY.

DISCUSSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—In the House to-day five of the constitutional amendments passed to a third reading. The hostility of the Democratic section of the House to them was manifested in a very decided manner. Scarcely were they called up, when Mr. Smith M. Weed tried to prevent their consideration on a technical point of order. He claimed that the matter was like any other bill, and should be introduced and come before the House in the ordinary manner. The Speaker, however, disposed of this objection very promptly, and ruled that the record of the last Assembly showed that the amendments had been referred to the present Legislature, and consequently did not need to be introduced at all. They were the property of the House, and their consideration was in order, as by an amendment to the rules of the House passed last session Tuesdays and Thursdays had been set apart for the discussion of amendments to the Constitution. Mr. Weed appealed from the decision of the Speaker, evidently for the purpose of obtaining an opportunity to give expression to his hostility to the amendments. He said he thought he perceived manifest indications of a desire to rush the amendments through under the gag. They were, in his opinion, framed for the purpose of taking away all power from the people, and making the Governor a dictator. They were based on the idea that the Legislature was certain to be corrupt, and could not be trusted. For his part, he believed that reform should proceed from the people, thence to the Legislature, and from the Legislature to the Governor. The whole scope and tendency of the amendments were toward centralization, and they were utterly opposed to the spirit of our Government. Their effect, he argued, if adopted, would be to establish another Albany regency. Subsequently, when the appeal was withdrawn, and the subject being considered in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Weed reiterated the same arguments. Mr. Alvord, in reply, urged that the simple fact that the amendments would have to go to the people and be approved at the ballot-box before they became part of the Constitution afforded a sufficient and conclusive answer to the objections of Mr. Weed.

It may be regarded as certain that the Democrats will do all in their power to defeat the amendments; but it is safe to say that their efforts will be in vain, as the best men of the Republican Party in the House are earnest in their determination to pass the amendments with all the speed that is compatible with full and mature consideration.

STREET RAILROADS.

Mr. Blessing introduced a bill chartering a street railroad company to run in New-York City from the foot of Forty-second street to Lexington avenue, thence to Thirty-fourth street and the East River. In the Senate a bill was introduced giving the Third avenue Railroad Company the right to run its track in Forty-second street to the Grand Central Depot. As both the bills mentioned give the right to lay tracks across the Fourth avenue, thus interfering with the street car line controlled by the Harlem Railroad, it is expected that they will be strongly opposed and ultimately defeated by the Vanderbilt interest.

Mr. Biglin introduced a bill providing for the incorporation of a company to run boats from Harlem Bridge to the lower end of the island, calling at Astoria and Hunter's Point.

Mr. Wachner, of New-York, introduced a bill in relation to the transportation of passengers on the City railroads of New-York. It provides that the railroad companies shall, under a penalty of $50, provide for each passenger a convenient and comfortable seat, and that the conductor shall be compelled, when all the seats are occupied, to put a placard in the window with the word "Full" printed upon it, and after to receive no more passengers until there be a vacant seat or seats.

CITY REVENUE BONDS.

In the Senate, this morning, the act providing for the payment of the bonds of the City of New-York already due, and those which will be payable in the first part of next month, was reported favorably by the Committee on Cities, and passed.

RESPONSIBILITY OF AGENTS.

An important bill introduced by Senator Lowery, to-day provides in its first section that any officer, agent, clerk, or servant of any corporation who shall embezzle or convert to his own use, or shall take, make away with, or secrete with intent to embezzle or convert to his own use, or otherwise dispose of with intent to embezzle or use, or who shall fraudulently withhold or appropriate, invest, loan, or otherwise fraudulently apply or make use of, without the assent of his master or employers, any money, goods, rights in action, or other valuable securities or effects whatever, belonging to another person which shall have come into his possession or under his care by virtue of such employment or office, he shall, upon conviction, be punished in the manner prescribed by law for feloniously stealing property of the value of the articles so embezzled, taken, secreted, fraudulently withheld, appropriated, invested, loaned, or otherwise disposed of, or of the value of any sum of money payable and due upon any right in action or security so embezzled as aforesaid.

2. It shall be no defense on the trial for an offense created by the preceding section that the transaction out of which the same arose was not done secretly, nor that the transaction was kept in the books of said corporation, as other transactions of a lawful character were therein kept, nor that the property was charged in said books to the party offending either by himself or any other person; but every fraudulent withholding, appropriation, investment, loan, or otherwise fraudulently applying or making use of such property, whether done openly or secretly, shall be presumptive evidence of the crime aforesaid.

PAYMENT OF COUNSEL ASSIGNED BY THE COURT.

A bill of considerable interest to the legal profession was introduced by Senator Middletown. It relates to the payment of fees to counsel assigned by the court, and provides that it shall be the duty of all attorneys and counselors of the Supreme Court, when assigned by the court, to defend to the best of their ability each and every person indicted for crime and put upon his trial. At the close of each criminal trial, where counsel has been assigned by the court, it shall be the duty of the court to certify the amount and value of such services, and the amount so certified shall be a charge upon the county in which the services were rendered, and the same shall be assessed, levied, and collected by the Board of Supervisors of the county at its next annual assessment, levy, and collection of county taxes after such services shall have been performed, and thereupon shall be paid over to the party entitled to the same.

SHERIFFS' FEES.

Senator Gross introduced a bill relative to the fees of Sheriffs and Referees, which provides that when a sale of mortgaged premises is made by any other officer than the Sheriff such officer shall receive no more fees than the Sheriff would be entitled to demand as specified in the laws of 1868. It also repeals section 3 of the act which allows the Sheriff fifty cents on commitments by Police Magistrates.

CONTESTED SEATS.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections will take up the consideration of the Abbott-Madden, Moore-Pinckney, and Thomson-Youmans cases early in the next week.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

The woman suffragists were heard from to-day in a petition presented by Mr. Alvord, which says: "We, citizens of New-York, do respectfully request your honorable body to prepare and recommend such an amendment to the Constitution as shall secure the right of suffrage to the women of the State on equal terms with the men."

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

A bill compelling parents and guardians who have children between the ages of eight and fourteen in their charge to send them to some private or public school for three months of each school year was introduced in the House by Mr. Brooks of St. Lawrence. The penalty for non-compliance is a fine of not less than $10 and not exceeding $20 for each offense. The Trustees of each school district are charged with the prosecution of offenders, and must institute proceedings upon a representation made by any tax-payer that the law has been violated.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION—THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FORMALLY DEMAND THE RETURNS FROM GOV. DAVIS.

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 15.—The *News* special dispatch from Austin says: The Senate was called to order at 10 A. M. to-day. A quorum was present. Mr. Swift stated that the joint committee was still engaged. A motion was carried that the Senate take a recess till 2:30 P. M.

The House met at 10:30 A. M. Mr. Epperson stated that no report could be made by his committee until 3 P. M. The House then adjourned.

The following is the note of Mr. Barseiss addressed to Gov. Davis:

COMMITTEE-ROOM, AUSTIN, Jan. 15.

Gov. E. J. Davis:

SIR: The House of Representatives of the Fourteenth Legislature yesterday passed the following resolution:

Whereas, The Secretary of State has refused to deliver to the Speaker of the House of Representatives the returns of the election held in December last for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and a constitutional amendment; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the Speaker, whose immediate duty it shall be to arrive at and determine the results of the returns of said election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and constitutional amendment, from such sources and by such means as is hereby deemed best and most practicable by said committee. Said committee shall report their action to this House at as early a period as possible. Said committee may employ all necessary clerks and messengers, and may invoke the power of the Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistant, and other officers of the House, to aid them in the discharge of their duties. The committee shall have power to send for persons and papers anywhere in the State. All processes issued by said committee shall be directed to the Sergeant-at-Arms or Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, and shall be signed by the Chairman and at least one other member of the said committee, and shall be executed by the Sergeant-at-Arms or any assistant.

The committee appointed have instructed me to address to you this communication, and request you, as Chief Executive of the State, to direct the Secretary of State to deliver to the Speaker of the House of Representatives or to this committee the returns of election held Dec. 20, 1873, in accordance with a law recommended, and in accordance with your proclamation, in reply to the demand made by this House of Representatives for such returns. The Secretary of State refuses to deliver them until you recognize the Fourteenth Legislature. The Secretary of State being an officer of your own appointment, and amenable to your directions and orders, this committee have deemed it proper to invoke your aid in this respect, so that laws relating to this matter may be faithfully executed. If the views held by you, resulting from the late opinion of the Supreme Court, be correct, the delivery of the returns cannot affect the status of yourself and others interested, while the withholding of them may tend to further complication, and may entail considerable expense upon the State in procuring them from other sources. In view of all circumstances, the committee trusts you will comply with this request. Yours, respectfully,

(Signed,) D. U. BARSEISA,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Barseiss, the Chairman, handed the letter to Gov. Davis in person. Gov. Davis replied that he did not think that Mr. Barseiss, his committee, or the body they represented, were entitled to them; but if Mr. Barseiss would go to the Secretary's office and take them of his own accord, he would not be resisted. Whereupon, Mr. Barseiss accompanied the Secretary of State, Newcomb, to his office, and Mr. Newcomb pointed to a desk where the returns were, and Mr. Barseiss took them, and asked him to seal the ends of the package, which Mr. Newcomb did. Mr. Newcomb declined to deliver or to allow him to find out where those constitutional amendments were, but they can easily be gotten after Cooke's inauguration, and the appointment of Capt. George Clark as Secretary of State.

Below is a protest Mr. Newcomb drew up and had witnessed by the clerks of his department:

STATE OF TEXAS, }
AUSTIN, Jan. 15, 1874. }

This day, the 15th of January, D. U. Barseiss did enter and take from thence a package of documents, purporting to be election returns for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, without my consent and against my protest.

(Signed,) JAS. R. NEWCOMB.

Witnessed—J. E. OLDRIGHT, A. M. COX, FRED. N. DAVIS.

It is generally conceded now that the inauguration will take place this evening, unless it takes too long to count the votes. Everything is working smoothly, and many remarks are heard that Davis will yield all without opposition.

WISCONSIN.

MESSAGE OF GOV. TAYLOR.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 15.—The message of Gov. Wm. R. Taylor to the Legislature was delivered at Madison to-day. He first speaks of the great financial crisis which, owing to the prudence and integrity of the people and the natural resources of the State, was, in a measure averted, and confidence is almost entirely restored. The financial condition of the State is as follows: Total receipts into the treasury from all quarters, $1,774,358 35; disbursements, $1,708,023 14; excess of disbursements over receipts during the year, $23,464 50, leaving in the treasury to the credit of all funds, $215,644 52. total receipts of the general fund, $1,095,872 29; disbursements, $1,191,066 01; an excess of disbursements of $96,093 72. The above receipts, deducting from the excess of expenditures the balance in the general fund at the commencement of the year, makes the deficiency $66,923 80, which is, in fact, so much increase of the public debt for which he finds no authority. He censures the past practice of misappropriating funds set apart for charitable and educational purposes, and declares that further loan of the trust fund to the State must not be entertained, and recommends such legislation as shall rapidly repair the present deficiency and prevent in future the continuance of these practices. The legal debt of the State at the close of the fiscal year was $2,252,057. He then points out where retrenchment may be practiced, and also additional sources of revenue; among others, taxing express and telegraph companies. On geological surveys and educational measures he recommends all needful legislation to enhance their usefulness; recommends the enactment of a law forbidding the acceptance or use of free passes or any other gift, immunity, or compensation by any State officer from any railroad or public corporations with the abolition of free passes. He thinks the session of the Legislature can be shortened thirty days. He recommends the appointment of a committee on cheap transportation by water, and refers to the fact that three-fifths of the boundary of Wisconsin is washed by navigable waters, and that Wisconsin contributes in the neighborhood of $8,000,000 to the revenue of the General Government, for which a more liberal return should be made in the way of improvement of the rivers and harbors. Fifty years ago President Monroe recommended to Congress the propriety of improving the navigation of Western rivers for the purpose of facilitating intercourse between the Atlantic and Western territory. The Government has hitherto failed to fulfill the measure of its obligation in this particular. In conclusion, he referred to the popular complaint of general corruption, and alluded to the fact that Wisconsin was the first State to commence the reform, and the action of the reform party had not only a local but a national importance.

SUPREME COURT CALENDAR.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 15.—The day calendar of the General Term of the Supreme Court for Jan. 19 (Friday), is as follows: [illegible]

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE CASE OF JUDGE WRIGHT.

PROSPECT OF A TRIAL AFTER MANY POSTPONEMENTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The case against Judge J. W. Wright will be called in the Criminal Court of this District on Monday next. A number of witnesses, members of the Cherokee nation of Indians, have arrived to give their testimony in regard to the checks and receipts which, it is charged, Judge Wright had caused to be forged and altered. Although Judge Wright has been indicted over forty times, and his case has been brought up time after time for trial, he has managed to secure postponement and delay. No reason whatever now exists in justice why he should not be tried at this term of the court. The officers of the Government will do their utmost to secure a trial, and there is actually some hope that they may succeed. The evidence against him appears to be overwhelming and unanswerable. Among other things the Government has in its possession is a deed to property of the value of at least $40,000, executed by a partner of Wright in the Indian business, and the consideration in the body of the deed is that the property was fraudulently obtained from the Government by conspiracy and frauds, jointly committed by Wright and the signer of deed.

CONVENTION OF THE VETERANS OF THE MEXICAN WAR.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

The delegates to the National Convention of Mexican War Veterans, now in this city represent all sections of the country. At noon to-day they marched from their head-quarters to Willard Hall with banners and bands of music under escort of the President's Mounted Guard, a local organization.

The convention was called to order by Gen. J. W. Denver, who said its objects were the preparation of a memorial to Congress asking pensions for the survivors of the Mexican war, in the passage of a law similar to that of 1871, giving pensions to the survivors of the war of 1812; also, to adopt measures for the organization of a National Brotherhood of Mexican Veterans, and for representation at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876.

The convention, however, need not be confined to these objects alone. Those who framed the call were animated by a desire to meet comrades from all sections of the country, and thereby renew old associations. There were some who behaved well, but were now indingent and unable to take care of themselves, therefore, one of the objects of the convention would be to prevail upon Congress to pass a law to admit them to the Soldiers' Home, located near Washington, which was purchased and established with money obtained from Mexico by the valor of our arms—the institution now being open only to soldiers of the regular army. In speaking of the Mexican campaign, Gen. Denver said: Our troops attacked the Mexicans in their own country, and captured their strongholds, opposing to them not more than one-third or one-fourth as many Americans as there were Mexicans in the field. That war continued two years without a single reverse to our arms, and hence it was right that the surviving veterans should meet and remind the people of the country that the victories were secured, not from one action of our country more than another, but what they did was for our common advantage and renown. Gen. Denver was frequently interrupted by applause. A temporary organization was effected by the selection of Gen. Denver as Chairman, and A. M. Kennedy as Secretary. Committees were appointed on credentials and permanent organization.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHY.

The Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads to-day heard arguments from G. G. Hubbard, of Massachusetts, and Wm. Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, respectively favoring and opposing the Postal Telegraph bill, which the committee have now under consideration. The committee will hold another informal meeting to-morrow, when the arguments on the subject will be resumed.

CONVENTIONS IN PROGRESS.

There are now four conventions sitting in Washington, viz., the Patent Convention, the American Cheap Transportation Convention, the Mexican Veterans' Convention, and the Woman's Suffrage Convention.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Lieut. E. H. C. Leutze has been ordered to the Hydrographic Office; Masters Henry O. Handy and H. A. Rittenhouse, to the Frolic. Master Perry Garst has been detached from the Potomac and ordered to the Frolic.

THE MILITARY FORCE ON THE FRONTIER.

The House Military Committee this morning heard Felix R. Brunot, Chairman of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and Mr. Ingalls, of the Indian Service, in regard to the amount of military force necessary in the Indian country. They were examined by the committee at great length. Their opinions were to the general effect that military force should be employed very sparingly except in cases of hostile Indians.

REDEMPTION OF LOAN BONDS.

Up to this date, $9,438,000 of the loan of June 14, 1858, have been redeemed and exchanged for bonds of the funded loan of 1881. The amount exchanged is $4,203,000, and the amount redeemed $5,225,000.

CONSOLIDATION OF STATUTES RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS, &C.

The House Committee on Appropriations, this morning, had under consideration the bill to consolidate and amend the statutes relating to estimates, appropriations, and public accounts, being the bill which passed the House last Congress, and was reintroduced this session by Mr. Garfield, of Ohio. The committee made numerous amendments to perfect it, and agreed to report the bill to the House for printing and recommittal, preliminary to asking for its passage.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day were: Currency, $3,477,162; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $41,710,000; coin, $85,033,097; including coin certificates, $45,419,300; outstanding legal tenders, $381,599,315.

THE CASE OF GEN. HOWARD.

The House Committee on Military Affairs will to-morrow again take up for action the case of Gen. Howard. It will be recollected that before the holidays the committee reported a resolution for the trial of Gen. Howard by a military court of inquiry, but unexpected opposition to that resolution having been developed, the matter was recommitted, and the committee is to consider the case again to-morrow.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate, in executive session to-day, confirmed the following nominations: John A. P. Allen, Collector of Customs at New-Bedford, Mass.; Cornelius B. Marchant, Collector of Customs at Edgartown, Mass.; H. B. McClure, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Mississippi.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Senator Buckingham presided at an important conference of friends of temperance held this evening in the lecture-room of the Young Men's Christian Association. Addresses were delivered by Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, Hon. Wm. H. Lamport, of the House; A. M. Powell, Esq., J. N. Stearns, Messrs. Bradly, Armstrong, and others, and resolutions were adopted asking Congress to appoint a committee to investigate the liquor traffic.

THE VICE PRESIDENT.

Vice President Wilson says his health is much improved. He will not resume his place in the Senate at present, but will next week return to Massachusetts, having abandoned trip to Florida.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

The National Civil Rights Bill Council, created by the late National Convention, met and organized this evening. The following officers were elected: President, George T. Downing, of Rhode Island; Vice Presidents, J. W. Cory, of Texas; Treasurer, G. W. Mitchells, of Virginia; Recording Secretary, T. G. Barbadoes, of Oregon; Corresponding Secretary, W. N. Saunders, of Maryland. Nineteen States were represented. The meeting was mainly occupied in organization. The Civil Rights bill now before Congress was discussed at length.

THE CANAL-BOATS AND THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

E. N. Howell, of Philadelphia, a representative of the canal-boat interests, has been here several days on business with the Treasury officers with regard to canal-boats, the owners of which have heretofore been obliged to pay fees for license papers under a decision of the department. The result of Mr. Howell's labors is that the Secretary of the Treasury will draft a bill for congressional consideration, exempting such boats from present exactions and thereby relieving the boat owners.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Representative Page, of California, will offer to-morrow a resolution instructing the Foreign Relations Committee to report a concurrent resolution advising the President to open negotiations for the modification of the treaty with China, so as to check or altogether prevent Chinese immigration to this country.

THE SOUTH STREET BRIDGES AT PHILADELPHIA.

The Secretary of War has sent a communication to Congress inclosing a report from the Engineers' Bureau, to the effect that the bridge now in process of construction at South street, Philadelphia is without the authority of United States law, and will seriously impair and obstruct navigation. The Secretary says there appears to be no other remedy for the evil apprehended but to invite the attention of Congress to the matter for action.

A LIQUOR TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives will grant a hearing to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, to Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, Hon. Felix R. Brunot, J. N. Stearns, Esq., and A. M. Powell, Esq., of the *National Temperance Advocate*, in behalf of a bill introduced by Hon. Wm. P. Frye, of Maine, providing for a commission of inquiry on the liquor traffic.

JAPAN.

DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS—THE COOLIE TRAFFIC IN PERU—A DISAGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—The advices at hand by the steam-ship China from Yokohama are to the 8th of December. Hanabusa Yashmuto, one of the Under Secretaries of the Foreign Office, and recently Envoy to Corea, is commissioned to represent Japan at St. Petersburg, and will soon set out for his post. He is especially intrusted with the Saghalien question. The arbitration of the Maria Luz case will not come up for discussion until a year hence, when other agents will be dispatched in the itinerest of Japan. Hanabusa's rank is that of First Secretary of Legation. The office of Envoy, left vacant by the death of Sana, remains unfilled.

The Japanese Foreign Office has received an interesting dispatch from China in relation to Garcia, the Peruvian Envoy. The Chinese say he will be received with the courtesies and attention due to a Minister, but they will make no treaty with Peru until that nation shall have released and sent back every coolie now held there, and, also, pledged itself to discontinue coolie importations in the future. Considerable discontent is expressed in Japanese official circles over the fact that Garcia was allowed a favorable treaty by Sayezima, the late head of the Foreign Office.

Charles Walcott Brooks returns to San Francisco by the China to resume his functions as Consul for Japan.

P. M. Watson, Esq., formerly British Chargé d'Affaires, and more recently Secretary of Legation at Yeddo, returns to England very soon, having been transferred to Copenhagen. He carries with him the most comprehensive treatise upon education in Japan that has yet been prepared, to be published presently by his Government.

Considerable speculation has arisen among foreigners over rumors of serious disagreement between the Ministers of various nations and the Japanese Government. For once, these reports are not wholly without foundation. The exact circumstances are as follows: Soon after the return of the Embassy, the question of treaty revision being brought up, an effort was made to secure a promise that the whole Empire should be thrown open to foreigners. This was met by a proposal that the foreign Governments should surrender the privilege of ex-territorial jurisdiction. It was declared that this would not be conceded under any circumstances, whereupon the Japanese Government not only declined to entertain the project of opening the country, but began gradually to withdraw certain liberties which they voluntarily permitted some time ago. It is supposed that this was done to show that the unyielding temper of the foreign representatives could easily be combatted by a strict adherence on the part of the Japanese to the letter of the territorial regulations. Although their right to restrain foreigners within the prescribed limits cannot be disputed, their action is loudly complained of, and as a sort of retaliatory measure the claims for the balance of the Simoozeki indemnity have been presented by some of the Ministers and pressed with unusual earnestness. They will be met promptly by offers of immediate payment, a result which was neither expected nor altogether desired. Thus the advantage will be for a while on the side of the Japanese.

Ex-territorial jurisdiction is now the only important subject for debate. The foreign Ministers are all instructed to enforce its continuance notwithstanding the fact that the British Government, after consideration, has unqualifiedly condemned the principles of ex-territorial jurisdiction in the case of China.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Mr. Bodges' shoe factory in Portsmouth, N. H., was burned on Wednesday night. Loss $5,000.

The jail at Greensboro', N. C., was consumed by fire yesterday afternoon. The building took fire from a defective flue in the furnace. The loss is about $3,000; no insurance. The prisoners were all safely removed.

The boarding-house owned by Boyd & Corey, near the planing mill, in Marlboro, Mass., took fire, Wednesday night, and was damaged, with the furniture, to the extent of from $2,500 to $3,000; insurance $1,500.

The greater portion of Welch's block, on Elm street, Lawrence, Mass., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Five families were burned out, and most of their household goods were destroyed. The loss is $4,000, on which there is an insurance of $2,500 in the Home Insurance Company, of New-York.

A workshop connected with the Rhode Island State Prison was partially destroyed by fire, yesterday morning. The loss is estimated at $5,000. Wm. Sweeney, an upholsterer, lost his stock, valued at $6,500; insured for $2,000 in city offices of Providence. The State has no insurance.

The loss by the fire at Alton, Ill., on Wednesday, was about $80,000. The following are the names of the insurance companies sustaining the loss: Franklin, $11,250; American Central, $7,600; North British, $7,000; Ætna, $6,000; London and Liverpool and Globe, $6,000; Orient, $3,500; Hartford, $2,000; Girard, $1,500; North American, $1,000; Franklin, of St. Louis, $2,350; Commercial, of St. Louis, $2,350; Firemen's, $400; Home, $4,000; Phœnix, $2,000.

WIFE-MURDER IN MAINE.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 15.—Thomas A. Pike murdered his wife at their drinking den on Franklin street last night. He was arrested with several witnesses. They were intoxicated and had been gambling during the night, and Pike dragged her by her hair to the sitting-room and threw her on a lounge where she was found dead. She was only nineteen years old.

DAY CALENDAR OF THE COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—The following is the Day Calendar of the Court of Appeals for Monday, Jan. 19: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

SPAIN.

THE LANDING OF THE PRISONERS AT ORAN COMPLETED—THE FRENCH GIVE UP THE NUMANCIA.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ORAN, Algiers, Jan. 15.—The landing of the intransigentes has been completed. The rebel Generals, Contreras and Ferrer, have been sent to Algiers.

The French authorities have offered the Numancia to the Spanish Admiral.

THE BARCELONA INSURGENTS SUBDUED.

MADRID, Jan. 15.—The intransigentes at Barcelona have surrendered, and the authority of the Government has been fully restored in that city.

ADDRESS TO CASTELAR BY A MAJORITY OF THE CORTES—THE NUMANCIA RESTORED.

MADRID, Jan. 15.—At a meeting of Deputies constituting the majority in the late Cortes, a vote of confidence in Señor Castelar was adopted, and he was requested to prepare a manifesto to the nation.

The iron-clad Numancia has been delivered to a Spanish frigate.

The insurgent chiefs, Contreras, Ferres, and Galvez, have been sent to the capital of Algeria, and the other Cartag

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION—Jan. 15.

SENATE.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Boutwell, Fenton, Buckingham, and Scott, from various parts of the country, asking the appointment of a commission to investigate the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors; by Mr. Fenton, one forwarded to him by Mrs. Susan B. Anthony, President of the Woman's Suffrage Association, asking for the right of suffrage for women; by Messrs. Sargent, Ingalls, and Logan, for the same object, and by Mr. Boutwell, from the New-England Shoe and Leather Association, in reference to the extension of the Post Office grounds and buildings in the City of Boston.

YELLOW FEVER.

Mr. FENTON offered a resolution, which was agreed to, reciting the prevalence of yellow fever in portions of the United States last year, and the belief that the disease is usually introduced into this country by sea, and, therefore, directing the Supervising Surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service to prepare a brief history of the yellow fever epidemic of 1873, as it prevailed at the various ports of the United States, with especial reference to details of prevention and hygiene, and transmit the same to the Senate.

SALARY OF LETTER-CARRIERS.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported favorably on the petition that the salaries of letter-carriers be fixed at $1,000 per annum, and the committee was discharged from further consideration thereof.

AMERICAN GRAIN SACKS RETURNED FROM ABROAD.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of allowing the return free of duty of grain sacks manufactured in this country, which have been sent abroad filled with grain. Agreed to.

POST ROUTES.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of continuing the mail service on routes where the actual receipts are not one-fourth of the expenses. Agreed to.

The consideration of the bill to establish post routes throughout the country was resumed.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, again urged the service to be divested of all the express and freight system.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, said there were but six or seven States in the Union which paid the expenditures incurred by the Post Office Department for transporting mail in them, and he desired to say to the gentleman from Maine that his State was not one of them, and to the gentleman from Vermont that his State was not one, yet the department had not been in the habit of curtailing the service in those States.

Mr. MORRILL said his State paid for the transportation of its own mails, but the heavy mails which passed through the State for Canada made the expenses appear to be large for the Vermont service. He did not desire to attack the Post Office Department, but wanted that department to have an opportunity to economize as well as the other departments of the Government. It should not be said that the department wanted to economize but could not do so on account of Congress having ordered mail routes to be established.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, thought that the Post Route bill should be carefully guarded. He would offer an amendment at the proper time to provide that service should not be established on new routes until an examination should be made by a special agent with a view to ascertaining if such a service were necessary.

THE FINANCES—SPECIE PAYMENTS.

The morning hour expiring, the Senate resumed consideration of the resolution reported by the Finance Committee.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, reviewed the speech of Senator Schurz made yesterday, and said he could not agree with that gentleman. He (Morton) believed, in order to bring our currency to par, we must resort to some other means than contraction. He was opposed to the reduction in price of labor or commodities. If it be done, it should be done very gradually. The Senator (Mr. Schurz) would do it all at once. He would descend from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario over Niagara.

Mr. SCHURZ replied that the Senator was mistaken. He did not desire it all to be done at once.

Mr. MORTON replied that he accepted the correction of the gentleman. The thoughtful sailor, in going from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, would go by way of the Welland Canal, locking down gradually; but the impulsive one would go over Niagara, and it was so in regard to the resumption of specie payments.

Mr. FENTON said that while he concurred in the views of the gentleman from Missouri, (Mr. Schurz,) he did not desire to be understood as advocating a rapid withdrawal of currency. It should be done gradually, and a time fixed to commence the resumption of specie payments.

Mr. MORTON said the remedy presented by the gentleman from New-York (Mr. Fenton) was like that offered by the gentleman from Missouri, (Mr. Schurz)—contraction of the currency. It would be well for the country to understand now that the proposition is that we return to specie payment by the contraction of the currency. The great body of the people of the North-west, and he believed of the South, now thought the currency circulation too small. He argued that the United States could not be guided by the experience of England in the matter of contraction. There was hardly a man in England living five miles from a bank, and most of them lived in towns and villages in sight of banks. The facilities for bank credits there are much greater than in this country, and there was not the necessity for so great a volume of currency. England, with her 31,000,000 people had $600,000,000 currency, and the United States, with her 40,000,000 people, had only $800,000,000 currency. He did not think our currency redundant. It had been argued that we had built railroads too fast. He did not believe a Senator on this floor would say his State had one railroad too many. Probably sometimes they had been built in advance of settlements, but they were always the pioneers of civilization. He inquired of the gentleman from Missouri (Schurz) what four countries in Europe had made the greatest progress in the last ten years?

Mr. SCHURZ replied he could not answer now, not having the statistics before him.

Mr. MORTON said he had been informed that Austria, Russia, Germany, and Italy had made such progress, Austria the greatest—comparatively speaking—to the United States, Russia next, Germany next, and then Italy. During this period the currency of Austria had been at discount from ten to twenty per cent.; that of Russia from ten to twenty-five per cent., and that of Italy somewhere from five to twenty per cent. He desired to again state that the recent panic in our country did not spring out of any defect in our currency. The currency did not run down during that panic, but, on the contrary, increased in value. He saw behind all this contraction argument the old State banking system looming up. He hoped the country would never return to that system, nor anything like it. He had understood that his friends on the other side of the Chamber, (the Democrats,) with but two exceptions, opposed the present national banking system. One of the Senators from Missouri (Mr. Bogy) a few days ago said his State wanted more currency, while the other (Mr. Schurz) yesterday said it had too much. Which of these gentlemen represented the people? He ventured to say the former (Mr. Bogy) represented the great majority. Mr. Morton, in conclusion, argued that the policy of contraction was disastrous and ruinous. He would rather see the currency increased a small amount. There was a smaller volume of currency to-day compared with the wealth and business of the country than there was five years ago, compared with the wealth and business of the country at that time. These things were not to be whistled down and settled by the visions of John Stuart Mill. The system of wages and prices in England would no more answer in this country than a map of Europe would answer for a map of North America.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, said so many plans had been devised that he began to think it would be unpatriotic in him not to say something, and he had therefore, given notice a few days ago that he would introduce a bill. In accordance with such notice he sent to the Clerk's desk, and had read the bill, the title of which is: "A bill to provide for the gradual withdrawal from circulation of irredeemable national notes and the substitution therefor of redeemable national bank notes, to remove unjust restrictions upon banks of issue and upon the amount of circulation."

He said he thought the country was [illegible] business on a specie basis. A good way to [illegible] ground, sustained by statute. Repeal that statute and the business will tumble down. He did not propose to disturb the volume of the currency, but steadily appreciate its value. He advocated the passage of the bill, and expressed the opinion that it would be the safest road to return to specie payment. The Government should maintain strict neutrality between those who demand more and those who demand less currency. The country had not money enough to float Erie at par or Northern Pacific at 260, but he thought it had enough money to effect the exchange of commodities.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WRIGHT, of Iowa, said two or three Senators desired to speak on the resolution, and, as two of them were not here to-day, he hoped the vote would not be taken before Monday.

Mr. SHERMAN said he would make some observations himself before the close of the debate, and saw no objection to the course suggested by the gentleman, (Mr. Wright.) He announced that he would speak to-morrow, if no other Senator desired to do so.

Mr. SCHURZ said it had been suggested to him by the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Boutwell) that he had done him injustice in his speech yesterday in saying that he (Mr. Boutwell) had advocated the doctrine that the Government was bound only by its own pleasure in redeeming legal-tender notes, and might not, therefore, redeem them at all, even if it were able to do so. He had certainly no intention to do Mr. Boutwell injustice. After reading from the speech of that gentleman, in which he said legal tenders are redeemable at the pleasure of the Government, while that the process is going on to bring greenbacks and gold to par, the Government was not under obligation to bring that process to a favorable result at a particular time, Mr. Schurz said he had some reason to construe the language as he had done, but since Mr. Boutwell assured him he meant to say that the Government was bound to redeem the legal-tender notes as soon as it should be able to do so, it gave him pleasure to make this explanation.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM, of Connecticut, argued that the amount of banking for the country could not be determined by Congress, but must be regulated by the business of the country. He favored free banking, as the business of the communities demanded. He opposed any expansion of the indebtedness of the country, and expressed the opinion that temporary loans might be effected to relieve stringency; such loans to be destroyed upon redemption and not reissued. The great question is not whether we expand or contract legal tenders, but whether we expand or contract the indebtedness of the country.

At 4 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Sherman, the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned, until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A petition of women in Wyoming Territory, ask the right of suffrage, was presented.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ELECTION.

Mr. SMITH, of New-York, from the Committee on Elections, reported a resolution declaring Messrs. Wilson and Martin entitled to seats from the First and Second Congressional Districts of West Virginia, and a minority report was presented by Mr. Hazleton, of Wisconsin.

The reports were all ordered to be printed, and are to be called up at an early day.

THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Mr. SENER, of Virginia, offered a resolution for the appointment of a Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice, as there are such committees for all other departments, which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

CASES OF HABEAS CORPUS IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. POLAND, of Vermont, from the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reported a bill providing for appeals from Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court in cases of habeas corpus. After remarks by Messrs. Poland and Wood, the latter stating that the necessity for this bill was caused by the repeal of a like law some years ago, in order to anticipate a decision of the Supreme Court in the Mulligan case, the bill was passed.

THE OFFICIAL REPORTERS—PETITIONS.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Rules, reported a rule vesting the appointment and removal of the official reporters of the House in the Speaker, and requiring them to furnish for publication a statement of the petitions filed each day. The last clause of the rule elicited a long discussion. Mr. G. F. HOAR, of Massachusetts, taking the ground that the placing of petitions in a box privately, instead of their being presented in open House, was an abridgment of the right of petition as guaranteed by the Constitution. Finally the rule was adopted, and the Speaker announced that he would now appoint the present corps of reporters, and would exercise in future the power of removal only for cause, the cause to be entered in the journal.

PRINTING OF PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Rules, reported a rule forbidding the printing of private bills on their introduction. After a long discussion, in which Mr. POTTER, of New-York, took the ground that Congress never should have power to pass any private bill at all, and Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, made the statement, without counting the bills introduced last Monday, that there had been introduced and printed this session 1,011 bills, of which 389 were private bills, the whole subject was laid on the table.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The House then, at 2 o'clock, went into Committee of the Whole, E. H. ROBERTS, of New-York, in the Chair, on the Naval Appropriation bill. A long discussion took place on the amendment offered last Tuesday by Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, to punish officers for making outlays in excess of appropriations.

Mr. LOUGHRIDGE, of Iowa, offered an amendment to this amendment, excepting cases of sudden emergencies, in which the President may authorize, in writing, such expenditure.

Mr. HAWLEY, of Connecticut, condemned both amendments; the first, as being too restrictive, and the second as giving too much latitude in a misty sort of way, and both as being in derogation of the sound principle that there should be no general legislation in Appropriation bills.

Finally both amendments were rejected by a vote of 71 to 82, and the committee rose and reported the bill to the House. The bill was then passed, and the House at 4:30 adjourned.

NEW CARDINALS.

In the Roman *Fanfulla* appears the following in reference to the recent elections to the Sacred College: "Certain English and American prelates had encouraged the hope that they would be remembered at the next creation of Cardinals, and were not a little disappointed when they learnt that only some of their French, Spanish, Portuguese, Austrian, and Hungarian colleagues, and not a single English or American, had been elevated to the dignity of Cardinal, although they might easily have given proof that they were as zealous for the interests of the Church as any of the prelates of the lands named. This expression of surprise having reached the ears of the Pope, he took occasion at the meeting next day of the Sacred College to observe that there would shortly be another Consistory, when certain prelates would be thought of who had been omitted from the recent nominations. It is understood that Archbishop Manning and a well-known North American Bishop will then receive the red hat. In the discussion upon this second Consistory, a high dignitary of the Church urged that the sittings of the Vatican Council should be resumed; but the Sovereign Pontiff and the other princes of the Church spoke decisively against the proposition on the ground that it would give rise to erroneous inferences."

A CONVENTUAL TRAGEDY.

The London *Echo* remarks: "Sister, let thy sorrows cease; sinful brother, part in peace," are grisly words, apt to haunt the pillow of every youthful reader of Sir Walter Scott's masterpiece. The awful drama, of which they form the climax, has too often had its counterpart in reality. The traces of a conventual tragedy have just been discovered, says the *Neue Freie Presse*, in the court-yard of a convent adjoining the Church of St. Euphemia, at Verona. Some children playing in this yard amused themselves by throwing stones at the wall, a small portion of which gave way, and fell inward. In the cavity thus detected was found a large roughly-hewn wooden chest, containing the bodies of a man and woman. Both had been decapitated, and their heads lay at their feet. These corpses were reduced almost to the condition of skeletons. That of the man appeared to belong to one in the full vigor of early manhood, that of the woman betokened extreme youth and perfection of form, the hands and feet being surprisingly small and well-shaped. What remained of her dress showed that she was either a nun or in some way connected with the religious establishment which has left this memento of the existence. The man appears to have worn an embroidered shirt, which leads to the inference that he, like Marmion, had [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] which [illegible] life. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—JAN. 15.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

400	Western Union	77⅜	200	Hannib.	116⅞
1500	do.	77⅜	100	Erie Railway	42⅛
1100	do.	77⅜	100	do.	42⅜
600	do.	77⅜	600	do.	42⅝
500	do.	77⅜	500	do.	42⅝
500	do.	77⅜	100	do.	42⅝
500	do.	77⅜	100	do.	42⅝
500	do.	77⅜	100	do.	42⅝
500	St. Paul	48⅜	100	do.	50
500	do.	48⅜	100	do.	50⅛
500	do.	48⅜	100	do.	50⅛
500	do.	48⅜	3000	Union Pacific	34⅜
500	Pacific Mail	40⅝	2000	do.	34⅝
1000	do.	40⅝	500	do.	34⅝
1000	do.	40⅝	500	do.	34⅝
700	do.	40⅝	2000	do.	34⅝
400	do.	40⅜	3000	do.	34⅝
1000	do.	40⅜	1000	do.	34⅜
2100	do.	40⅜	1000	do.	34⅜
500	Panama	115	600	do.	34⅜
1000	Atlantic & Pac. P.	13¾	3000	do.	34⅜
100	H. & St. Jo. Pref.	42½	3500	do.	34⅜
1000	N. Y. C. & Hud.	104⅛	3500	do.	34⅜
1000	do.	104⅛	200	Tol. & Wabash	53⅜
800	do.	104	100	do.	53⅜
200	do.	104⅛	100	do.	53⅜
500	do.	104⅛	100	do.	53⅜
500	do.	104⅛	1000	do.	53⅜
500	do.	104⅛	1000	do.	53⅜
500	do.	104⅛	100	Ohio & Miss.	34⅜
2000	North Carolina pref.	32⅝	30	do.	34⅜
200	do.	32⅝	500	do.	34⅜
1100	Lake Shore	83½	200	do.	34⅞
500	do.	83⅝	2000	do.	34⅞
500	do.	83⅝	2000	do.	34⅞
500	do.	83⅝	1200	Rock Island	106
1700	do.	83⅝	100	do.	105⅝
600	do.	83⅝	100	C., C. & I. C.	32½
1000	do.	83⅝	700	do.	32½
900	Han. & St. Jo.	33¼	400	do.	32⅝
100	do.	33¼	2100	do.	32⅝
200	do.	33	400	do.	32⅝
200	do.	33	400	do.	32⅝
100	North western	81¼	200	do.	32⅝
300	do.	81¼	200	do.	32⅝

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 and 11:30 A. M.

$20,000	U. S. 6s, R. '81	22,000	U. S. 5-20 C. '65, N.
5,000	do. b. c.		do. b. c.
10,000	U. S. 6s, C. '81	20,000	do.
15,000	do.	500	do. small.
500	U. S. 5-20 C. '65		
4,000	U. S. 5-20s, R. '67		
	do.	1,000	do.
8,000	U. S. 5-20 R.	3,000	do.
	do. small.	500	do. small.
500	U. S. 5-20 C. '65	11,000	U. S. 5-20 R. '67
	do. small.	31,000	do.
	U. S. 5-20 C.	15,000	do.
25,000	U. S. 5-20 R.	2,000	U. S. 5s, 1040 R.
	do.		do.
20,000	U. S. 5s, 1040 C.	5,000	do.
	U. S. 10-40 C.	5,000	U. S. 6s, cur.
	do. small.	30,000	do.

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$1,000	U. S. 6s, new, Jan. & July	400	N. Y. C. & H. b. c.
2,000	U. S. 6s, new, Jan. & July	500	do.
	Long Loan	100	do.
2,000	Mo. 6s, R. & S.	100	do.
	do.	200	do.
2,000	do.	100	do.
	do. b. c.	200	do.
2,000	Mo. 6s, R. & S.	100	do.
	do. b. c.	200	do.
	do.	800	do.
2,000	Mo. 6s, R. & S.	100	do.
	do. b. c.	200	do.
	do.	100	do.
	do.	100	do.
	do.	100

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—A MAN OF HONOR—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. Gilbert, Mme. Ponisi.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—SARATOGA—Mr. James Lewis, Mr. W. Davidge, Miss Sara Jewett.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—LED ASTRAY—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

THEATRE COMIQUE.—THE WILLARD SKIFF—ROYAL JAPANESE TROUPE.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—FEMME DE FEU—Mrs. J. B. Booth, Mr. Joseph Wheelock.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY ABROAD—Mr. G. L. Fox, Miss Fanny Hayward.

THE COLOSSEUM.—CYCLORAMA OF LONDON AND PARIS—CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and evening.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—GABRIEL GRUB—The Majilton and Raynor Families.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—THE BELLES OF THE KITCHEN—The Vokes Troupe.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—FARCES, SINGING, COMICALITIES—Messrs. Unsworth, N. Seymour, and others.

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Notwithstanding the reports circulated yesterday in some quarters, the President has not yet sent in a new nomination for the office of Chief Justice. We have no doubt that his third selection will be one acceptable to the people. In the meantime, the Democratic papers need not go on deluding themselves with the idea that the Republican Party is "hopelessly estranged" from the President. When he is led into an error by bad advisers, the party remonstrates, but it does not believe that he has done any intentional wrong—still less that the Democrats could give us a better man. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend," said the wise man; and if any members of the Republican Party protest against an act of the President, it is because they think highly of him and desire to preserve his popularity with the nation at large. From all that we can learn with regard to the recent nominations, they were prompted by men whose advice the President may readily be excused for taking. He is not, as the Democratic papers allege, false to the Republican Party, or to the people. We, who have condemned the late nominations, believe as firmly as ever that the President means to do what is right—and it would be very strange if he never made a mistake. We have no idea upon whom his choice will ultimately fall for Chief Justice, but we are confident that if he will follow the dictates of his own good sense, there will be no further mistake made. The Democrats need not flatter themselves that they can produce any ill-will between the Republican Party and the President.

On Tuesday next the voters of the Twenty-first District will be called upon to elect a member of Assembly in place of the fugitive GENET, and it is to be hoped they will now take care to choose an honest and capable representative. The Republicans of the district have afforded them an opportunity to do so in presenting Mr. HORATIO P. ALLEN as a candidate. Mr. ALLEN is a lawyer of excellent repute in the profession, and his character in every respect is without blemish. By electing him the district will secure an able and faithful member. The Republicans, at least, should not fail to vote for him, and thus do all in their power to remove the disgrace which is now resting upon the district.

Mayor HAVEMEYER appears to have finished the document he calls his message, and we have a promise that it shall be inflicted on the Common Council on Monday next. The Mayor has been engaged so long on this message that it is fair to suppose he has been engaged in endeavoring to justify such appointments as MATSELL and QUINN. It is time he gave the public his reasons for making these appointments. It certainly could not have been fitness for the places, for if his nominees have any merits whatever which entitle them to public respect, Mr. HAVEMEYER has sole knowledge of them, and, in justice to his favorites and himself, he should state what they are. If he remains silent on this subject, he will give the public just cause to infer that he knew these men to be totally unfit for positions of public trust, but, nevertheless, insisted upon disgracing the City by putting them in important positions.

We adverted about a year ago to the slow industrial progress of California, showing that in ten years her development in mechanical and mining industry had remained stationary. The statistics for 1873 show a somewhat improved state of things. The production of the precious metals amounted last year to $68,000,000, being an increase for the year of about $10,000,000, chiefly, according to the *Alta*, in Comstock-Nevada silver. Considering that about 90,000 persons in California are identified with mining pursuits, the production hardly warrants, even yet, the expenditure of energy which it absorbs. In agriculture, however, there is a repetition of the gratifying evidences of progress to which we previously alluded. In this direction lies the real prosperity of the Pacific Slope, and though the persons connected with agriculture number but half those engaged in mining, the yield of California farms is already greater than that of her mines. In wheat alone, California exported $21,000,000 worth last year, being an increase of $10,000,000 over 1872. Considering that the agricultural area of the State is 89,000,000 acres, 40,000,000 of which are fit for the plow, these figures ought to be dwarfed by the returns of the next few years.

An old story appears to be repeated in the troubles now brewing in the Pennsylvania anthracite regions, which threaten a protracted suspension of coal mining. From the accounts which have reached us, it seems that the movement to force a general strike began in Schuylkill County and with the Reading corporation, in a reduction of twenty-five cents in the basis. It was supposed from experience that the miners would not submit, and that the striking infection would spread to the other counties. These expectations have been justified by the event, for the miners of Luzerne have agreed to strike, and a general suspension of mining is deemed to be certain. It is noticeable that the suspension in Luzerne is not to resist a reduction in the basis, for none has been threatened, but to gain an advance. It was always difficult to give any good reason for the mining troubles in the anthracite regions, and the task is more difficult now than on any previous occasion. But it is not hard to see what the end is to be. Many thousands of men will remain idle until their families are starving, and then they will go to work again, without disputing the terms. Meantime, coal will become dear, and the rich corporations, which seem to have encouraged the strike, will become richer. These strikes have always ended in the same way.

Although Mr. WEED, Mr. BEEBE, and other Democrats did all in their power to prevent action, the Assembly has already earned a title to public respect by ordering the more important constitutional amendments to a third reading. The articles which have been adopted include the legislative and executive reforms which are so essential to the proper administration of State affairs. For the gratifying progress which has been made in this important matter the people are chiefly indebted to Speaker HUSTED and Mr. PRINCE, who have pushed the amendments forward as the most important business of the session, and by shrewd management have been able to thwart the Democratic purpose of defeating this reform by dilatory motions and puerile objections. We hope the Republican Senators will show equal nerve and skill in dealing with this matter. The Democrats in the Senate have also evinced an uncompromising hostility to the amendments, and the majority should now proceed to act upon them without any regard for the wishes of their opponents. The Legislature is as fully prepared now to act intelligently upon these amendments as it will be at the end of the session, and they should all be approved without any further delay.

A stroke of real business was done in the House yesterday. The Naval Appropriation bill was passed without amendment, just as it came from the committee. This bill is remarkable for two things—the extent to which economy has been practiced, and the direction the economy has taken. The entire amount appropriated is but sixteen and a half millions. This is fully 3½ millions less than the average annual appropriations for the last five or six years, and is within a million as low as the appropriation for 1859. It is true the House has passed, and the Senate, with a slight amendment, has concurred in, a bill appropriating $4,000,000 for the extraordinary expenses of the navy; and this amount covers a certain part of the usual annual expenditures, but only a very small part. The annual appropriation is still very low. It was agreed, however, on both sides of the House, that the Secretary of the Navy would "cut his garment according to the cloth" allowed him by Congress. The reduction of naval appropriations is principally in the direction of cutting off what have been regarded as the political expenditures of the department. The estimate for every navy-yard was unsparingly pruned to the amount of forty per cent. The only branch of expenditure that was left substantially untouched was that for repairs, the committee believing that that, at least, could not be safely reduced.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday furnished a fresh argument in favor of the consolidation of the City and County Government by voting down the resolution providing that all County work and supplies over the value of $100 should be given out by contract to the lowest bidder. The limit may have been somewhat low, but the principle is one of the most necessary that can be imposed on a municipal administration acting under so few checks as ours. Whatever the labor agitators may think of the matter—and their opposition to the contract system is universal—the plan of employing labor directly by the City, and ordering supplies without open competition, is a demoralizing one for both the giver and the receiver. It has been in the past the fruitful source of jobbery, favoritism, and petty political intrigue. Neither the Aldermen nor the heads of departments appear to have sufficient fortitude to resist the clamor against contract work, and it is time they should act on the knowledge that the labor agitators represent but a small fraction of the community, and that the true interests of working men themselves demand as thorough a divorce as possible between labor and local politics.

It is not encouraging to see that the number of bills for the benefit of private persons and corporations introduced into the Legislature bids fair to be as large as that of any preceding season. Members probably consider it a part of the duty which they owe to their district to assume the paternity of any such measure sent them by their friends or constituents. It is quite possible to push this principle too far. In introducing a bill to the Legislature, a member assumes before the people at large a well-defined responsibility for its scope and character. If he wants to make a creditable "record," he should be as resolute in refusing to have anything to do with bills whose purposes can be attained under existing laws, as he would be in disowning all connection with bills containing palpable attempts at jobbery.

UNEQUAL TAXES.

Probably there are few subjects on which there is stronger feeling and less intelligent opinion than on local or State taxation. Every tax-payer has certain deeply-seated impressions as to the justice and policy, or the injustice and impolicy, of the particular tax that comes out of his pocket. But as to the principles which should control taxation, and which alone can make it actually equal, and proportion it to the ability of the citizen to pay it, there is only a hazy idea. There is no single class of property the taxation of which is not condemned by a great part of the public, and strongly approved by some other part; and what is singular is that both those who condemn and those who approve, though generally influenced by what they suppose to be their own interests, often go directly against them.

One difficulty in the way of an intelligent public opinion on the subject of taxation is that, while every man is more or less irritated by what he knows to be inequality in the taxes he pays himself, there is no really sound system of taxation, in our country, with which the public can be made familiar. Yet there are certain facts, to which we have from time to time called attention in these columns, and which Mr. DAVID A. WELLS has summarized and reinforced in the January number of the *Atlantic*, which will, sooner or later, compel a complete revision of our system of State taxation. And here, we may remark, that in this country there are but two kinds of taxation, distinguished as to the Government by which the taxes are levied. One is that authorized by the Federal Government. The other is that authorized by the States. What are generally described as municipal and county taxes are, in reality, taxes authorized only by the State, under certain uniform laws. Whatever variety there may be as between the taxes paid in the cities and those paid in the country comes either from the difference in the kinds of property owned in city and country, or, in most cases, from the different methods of applying Assessment laws. All taxation which is not Federal is State, and the injustice, waste, and inefficacy which characterize the latter can only be remedied by the State Legislatures.

But, as we have said, there are certain facts which will ultimately compel the State Legislatures to take this matter in hand, whether they are inclined to do so or not. The most important of these facts is that the Federal and State courts are practically withdrawing from taxation a large part of the nominally taxable property of the country. Thus Mr. WELLS shows that by decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, the several States are forbidden to tax, first, imported goods in their original packages in the hands of importers; second, United States bonds or other Federal instrumentalities; third, any vessels in the ports of the States, not registered in some port of the same State; fourth, bills of lading given for goods transported from one State to another; and fifth, railroad bonds, though issued in the State where owned, or even situated outside the State. In addition to these distinct denials by the United States Supreme Court of the power of a State to tax, there are numerous decisions of State courts going to establish the general principle that for purposes of taxation all property must be subject to the laws of the State where it actually is, and not to the laws of the State where its owner is. Mr. WELLS also comments at length on a decision made by the Supreme Court of California in May last, to which we referred at the time, declaring the illegality of a tax on bonds and mortgages, as contrary to a provision of the State Constitution which requires all taxes to be uniform and equal. The court reasoned that a tax on mortgages was in reality a second tax on the land mortgaged, and therefore a source of inequality and of injustice. That this decision will be found by those who examine the operation of a tax on bonds and mortgages to be based on a very plausible interpretation of the facts, there is little doubt. Indeed, we do not believe there is any room for question that, were taxes collected as required by law, a tax on mortgages would be a second tax on the estate covered by the mortgage. Yet this source of taxation, under our present system, is a very important one. Mortgages held in the county where they are given are the only kind of personal property that can be readily and unerringly traced. If the law announced in California should obtain in other States—and it well may—we should see a very large part of the taxable property of the country stricken from the assessment rolls.

Our readers can readily see that the courts are gradually taking out of the hands of the Legislatures many kinds of property which the law requires to be taxed. It is steadily becoming more and more the case that only real estate bears the burden of taxation. Official statements already show that, in proportion to their real value, real estate pays four times as much as personal property. That is to say, the real property being, as a matter of fact, about equal in value in this State to the personal property, pays four-fifths of the taxes, and personal property pays but one-fifth. And the tendency of recent judicial decisions on the subject is to exempt constantly-increasing classes of personal property, and to proportionately add to the burden of the owners of real estate. This condition of affairs is so palpably unjust that it cannot continue. Every year adds to the number of those who feel keenly its inequality and wrong. Sooner or later, the law-making power must seek some practicable remedy. We shall not now undertake to say what that remedy may be. But a set of tax laws which takes the expenses of Government out of the pockets of one class of property-owners, and leaves another class nearly as large to go substantially free, ought not to be, and will not be, long tolerated.

CARDINAL ANTONELLI.

GIACOMO ANTONELLI, a man who has filled a large space in modern history, is said to be dying at Rome. With him will expire a policy and a tradition whose influence indeed is practically at an end, but which it is difficult to regard as aught but a living force while ANTONELLI survives to wield it. Papal diplomatists there are and will be after the supple Cardinal has departed, but the race of Papal statesmen dies with him, for the temporal power has shrunk to the lordship over a couple of palaces, a villa, and half a dozen gardens; and the States of the Church have passed into history as irrevocably as the Empire of CHARLEMAGNE. It is when the fortunes of the Papacy are at their lowest ebb that the Holy See has been most tenacious of its temporal dominion. It is a hundred years ago since PIUS VI. died in exile, because of his adhesion to the principle that he regarded the quality of a territorial Prince more highly than that of head of the Church, and felt bound to act accordingly. PIUS IX., through all his tribulations, has apparently prescribed the same rule for himself, and his Cardinal Secretary of State has consequently been nearly as important a personage as the Pope during the troubled quarter of a century that began with 1848, and ended with the Italian occupation of Rome.

The policy of the Holy See in matters spiritual has usually been ascribed to the controlling influence of the General of the Jesuits, or "Black Pope," as the Romans call him. The statecraft of the Vatican has unquestionably been directed, during all but the entire Pontificate of PIO NONO, by the "Red Pope," Cardinal ANTONELLI. If the chief of the Jesuits has been the Aaron holding up the one hand of the Pope, his trusty Minister has been the Hur who sustained the other. And a pretty mess the trio—black, white, and red Popes—have made between them. This steadfast holding up of hands—the perpetual *non possumus* attitude of the Papacy—has not only failed to discomfit the Amalekites who had an eye to the patrimony of St. Peter, but has been their chief encouragement to persevere till all the sham, and oppression, and crime fostered under the civil government of Roman priests had been swept from the face of the earth.

ANTONELLI was born a few centuries too late. He would have been a commanding figure in any age when the foundations of the Papacy were unshaken, and when the ecclesiastical statecraft of the middle ages had not fallen into utter contempt. He started as fairly with the tide of liberal progress as the new Pope himself. He was probably less afraid than his master of the popular outbreak in 1848, and he had probably the chief credit of drafting the liberal *statuto* or Constitution of the year of revolution. Events proved too strong for him, which is another way of saying that he lacked the originality and force of intellect to make events bow to his will. He tried hard to fill the double rôle of Cardinal and political reformer, but he ended by yielding to the pressure of the clergy, and turned his back from that day upon the cause of the people. When French bayonets had opened up to the Papal Court a way back to Rome, ANTONELLI made the subjects of the Pope feel the penalties of revolution. He reorganized the Government with a vengeance, and in crushing out every remnant of popular freedom, thought he was binding a State for all time to the chair of St. Peter, when, in truth, he was only straining the cords with a tension that ended in snapping them. ANTONELLI'S severity frightened even the inner circle of Papal advisers, and elicited repeated remonstrances from foreign Powers. But the Pope stuck to the servant who had been faithful according to his lights, and as Romagna, Umbria and the Marches, and, finally, the patrimony of St. Peter and Rome itself slipped from their allegiance to the Holy See, a common policy and common misfortune had too closely united the Pope and his Secretary of State for the connection to be severed by aught but death.

The Church of Rome was a democratic institution in its best days, and it is a curious contradiction that while the policy embodied in ANTONELLI is a crowning proof of how thoroughly it has fallen away from that type, his career shows that the princes of the Church may still spring from the people. It is true that according to the veracious VAPEREAU he descends from an ancient family of Romagna which, "in its alternate periods of splendor and of ruin, counts among its members lawyers, historians, and highway robbers." But the father of ANTONELLI was simply a wood-cutter, and it was by sheer force of talent that he commended himself first to the favor and confidence of GREGORY XVI., and then of his successor, PIUS IX. He was a great master of that greatest of all the arts of affability—Italian politeness—and no man knew better how to translate the objurgations of an alarming encyclical like that of 1864 into language of most pacific intention to all the courts of Europe. He had an exceptionally difficult part to play, and if he played it with indifferent success, so far as results are concerned, it was less his fault than that of the ages before him that had rendered Papal policy too rigid a thing to bend, and too oppressive to be saved from breakage.

THE DAILY TORTURE.

If the Legislature were to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the practical investigation of the facilities for City transit afforded to New-Yorkers by the street railroad companies, it would not be difficult to secure the reform in this matter which is so urgently needed. In that case, the one hundred and sixty members would in a single day obtain by personal experience such convincing proofs of the annoyances, discomforts, and hardships to which we are all subjected every day, that they would pass a bill putting an end to them without the slightest hesitation. We have no ill-will to our legislators, and if we did, we should still strive to remember the constitutional provision that cruel and unusual punishments shall not be inflicted. But, for the sake of obtaining the greatest good for the greater number, we wish they could be compelled to undergo for the brief period of one day what all our citizens must constantly endure. But as it is possible the Legislature will not proceed in a body to this City for this purpose, our City members should take care to represent the evils under which we labor. Let them speak from personal experience, which is always most eloquent, and their words are sure to be convincing.

Between the hours of 7 and 10 in the morning, and 3 and 7 in the afternoon, there is no chance of exaggerating any of the outrages to which the public are exposed on our street railroads. In the morning it is not, perhaps, so bad, for only men are compelled to endure these hardships. They are, to be sure, men upon whose labors families are dependent, and this cramming and suffocation at the beginning of the day not only unfits them for its duties, but each experience of the kind helps to destroy their health. Yet they are men, and their sufferings do not excite much sympathy. In the afternoon, the scenes in the cars are much more distressing. In the earlier hours an overworked man of business enters one of these vehicles at the down-town terminus, and is fortunate enough to secure a seat. Within a short distance all the seats are filled, and as the car proceeds up town it begins to fill with ladies returning from shopping, and children going home from school. Cars can be seen any day on any of the avenues above Fourteenth street with every inch of standing-room occupied by women and children, while the conductor busies himself in pushing them more closely together, and in announcing to each new comer that there is "plenty of room."

Later in the day matters are even worse. Laborers and shop-girls, exhausted by the toil of the day, are then returning to their homes, and not one of them is able to make the journey in comfort. The few who are able to obtain seats can hardly be congratulated, for they are trodden or sat upon until the car becomes like a den of the Inquisition. Those who sit, and those who stand clinging to the straps suspended from the roof of the car, or maintain a perpendicular attitude by being wedged between their fellow-passengers, are equally exhausted by the hardships they are compelled to undergo. Every evening, cars can be found on the main lines containing over fifty persons jammed into a space which will contain only twenty-two with comfort, and a large proportion of the surplus number are young girls who work hard all day. On the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, and Eighth Avenue and Broadway lines these evils can be seen in their most aggravated form. Any legislator who has any doubt on the matter need only stand half an hour on any of these thoroughfares to become convinced that the citizens of New-York are packed in the street cars with less regard for comfort, health, and decency than were the animals in butcher-carts before Mr. BERGH achieved a reform in their behalf.

The remedy for the evils from which we suffer so greatly must be applied by the Legislature. This overcrowding must be stopped by law, for it is useless to expect that the companies will put an end to it of their own accord. There is no danger that a law of this kind would compel any one to walk who desires to ride, for the companies would take care to provide cars enough to accommodate all the travel. Instead of the cars being three, two, one, or even half a block apart, they would follow each other at intervals short enough to give everybody a chance to ride comfortably. There is no hardship to the companies in a law of this character. There is an implied contract between the company and each passenger that a seat is to be provided for the fare paid, and there can be no injustice in compelling the companies to meet their legal obligations fairly and fully. The fare on all the roads is large enough to justify the public in demanding ample accommodation. On Mr. VANDERBILT'S Fourth avenue road, where ladies are perhaps subjected to the most annoyance from overcrowding, additional care has been taken that the public shall not get the worth of their money. A fare of six cents is demanded to all points below Forty-second street, and eight cents to all points above that street. Nobody knows where Mr. VANDERBILT gets any legal authority for these extortions, and when the Legislature enters upon the work of reforming our street railroads, this matter should not be forgotten. And this work should not be delayed, much less avoided. In no way can the Legislature so greatly serve public interests in this City as by enacting a law to compel the street railroad companies to respect the rights of the people. The bill introduced yesterday by Mr. WACHNER in the Assembly, imposing a fine of $50 on the companies for each passenger taken up for whom a seat is not provided, should be so amended as to furnish the means for its strict enforcement, and then passed.

SIX NIGHTS ON AN ICE-FIELD.

With the details of the adventures of a portion of the *Polaris* crew on an ice-floe in the Arctic regions still fresh in the memory of our readers, they are not likely to be very much startled by the announcement that two men have survived six days of starvation and terror on a floating ice-field in Saginaw Bay. The story of these persons, and the incidents connected with their disappearance, is nevertheless deeply interesting. On the 31st of December they left their wives and children at Bay City, Mich., for a brief vacation, which was to be spent in fishing and shooting. Having reached a favorable spot on the bay shore, they took to the ice, and had spent several hours in spearing fish, when it was suddenly discovered that the ice had parted. They endeavored to escape, but found the gulf too wide to be passed over in safety. The mass of ice soon began to drift, and carried them many miles from the shore. A man named RUNDELL, who had succeeded in reaching a place of safety, instead of calling for help and going to their assistance, turned his back upon them and never rested a moment until he arrived at his home. Indeed, to such an extent was he "demoralized" by excitement, that it is said he even abandoned his own companion to his fate. The two men finding themselves thus cut off, immediately set about the work of shoving a raft on to the ice, and succeeded in getting on it, with their weight, and handy enough to enable them to pole themselves ashore upon it with their spears. The water beneath them was then but eight feet deep. Although they labored with all their might, the wind blew the ice-field into deeper water before they could disconnect themselves from it. On the third day one of the men, while crossing from one ice-cake to another in a hand-sleigh, went down between them, and would have been drowned but for the spear of his companion, with which he was drawn out of the water. Not till the fourth night did they try to get a little sleep. While rolled in blankets in front of their hand-sleighs, they were wakened by the cracking of the ice within two feet of them, and had barely time to remove further away when the place on which they had been sleeping also cracked and gave way. After that, sleep was not again thought of. On the fifth night, the wind had so acted upon the ice that it was reduced to a thickness of three inches. Holes were constantly breaking in it. The castaways had almost despaired of life, when the wind changed, and the ice began to close. On the seventh day they discovered, to their joy, that the hard frost of the previous night had made an avenue of escape. Shortly afterward, they were espied by a kind-hearted Indian, who, at the risk of his own life, crossed the new ice in a handsleigh, and rescued them. From the time of the parting of the ice from the shore until their deliverance they had had only one meal, and that consisted of raw fish. In spite of this fact, however, they were able to walk to a farm-house, where they were cared for.

If the story ended here the people of Bay City would have occasion only for rejoicing. Unluckily, however, there is another side to it, and that is of a very melancholy character. Shortly after the report was circulated that two men had been carried out into Saginaw Bay upon a cake of ice, six of the bravest and most generous-hearted men of the neighborhood, nearly all married and fathers of families, procured a fishing-boat and immediately began to search for them. On the first night out it is supposed that they encountered a heavy gale and were capsized, inasmuch as the boat has since been found close to the shore, bottom upward. For some time subsequent to the finding of the boat, it was thought that the men had succeeded in getting on the ice, but after days went by without intelligence of them, this was given up, and they are now mourned as lost. The people of Bay City, of course, may be depended upon to show, in a substantial manner, their appreciation of the act which brought sorrow and desolation to six happy homes. The life-saving and other benevolent societies will find this case worthy of their attention, and for humanity's sake it is to be hoped that between the different sources the families of the dead heroes will be liberally provided for.

THE JERSEY CITY MATRICIDE.

It is charitable, perhaps, to suppose that the young man who, on Wednesday evening, in Jersey City, murdered his mother, was insane. It is not less just, however, to demand that he shall be punished in such a way as to make insanity of this sort less prone to bloodshed. As he will be tried in New-Jersey, he is tolerably sure to receive justice. The atrocity of the crime is so great and so exceptional that few will believe a sane man capable of it. It is well to remember, nevertheless, that insanity has degrees, and that mental aberration to a very extreme stage is usually accompanied by a sense of right and wrong. It is time that the sort of insanity which is held to involve a general immunity to murder should be treated much as the law treats intoxication—itself a species of insanity. We may feel compassion for the man who is hanged for a crime he perpetrated in a moment of aberration, but we must beware of the maudlin sympathy which finds in that aberration a reason for remitting the punishment which the law imposes. Comparatively few murders, in all probability, are committed when the mind is in its normal condition, and, so long as the law makes hanging the penalty of murder, it is better that one absolutely insane murderer should be hanged than that ninety-nine partly insane persons should be stimulated to murder by his escape. The general good ought to be paramount to any individual interest.

We have certainly no desire to prejudice the case of this unhappy young man, whose trial, we trust, will be to the full as fair and impartial as "Jersey justice" gives us the right to expect. But there seems to be no doubt of his guilt, and little doubt that insanity will be set up as his defense. It is a defense which, even though duly made, has too long been accepted without question. When cold-blooded assassins like SCANNELL escape on this plea, it is time to inquire into its merits.

THE MASSACHUSETTS FISHERIES.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 15.—There have been busy times the past two weeks in fitting away the Western Banks fishing fleet on halibut voyages. About forty vessels have already sailed, and a few more are nearly ready. The fishing business this season will be as extensively prosecuted as ever, notwithstanding the many severe losses of 1873. New vessels have been purchased and others contracted for to take the place of the vessels lost. The number of vessels engaged in the Western Banks halibut fishery will be from forty-five to fifty, against thirty-five last year. The new catch of George's Banks will be much inquired after, as the market is nearly stripped. The very few on hand are held at $5 25. About 6,000 barrels of mackerel comprise the stock on the market, which is light for the season, and these are fast being disposed of at an advance on last month's quotations. Late caught Bay No. 1 mackerel are held at $15@16 per barrel. During the last week three of the halibut fleet arrived with medium fares. Sales were made on Monday at eighteen cents per pound for white, and ten cents for gray, by the trip. An active season is expected in all branches of the fishery.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

BRUNSWICK, Me., Jan. 15.—At a meeting of the boards of Bowdoin College, to-day, Charles H. Smith, late tutor in Yale College, was elected Professor of Mathematics in place of Prof. Rockwood. Ex-President Hopkins, of Williams College, was elected to fill, provisionally, the chair of Mental and moral Philosophy. The department of engineering is placed on a permanent basis, and a determination was expressed to secure $50,000 for its endowment. At a subsequent convention of the boards it was decided to further endow the college and hold it up to its present standard, and $31,000 were pledged on the sheet by the members of the boards. The prospects of the college were never more encouraging.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—At a special meeting of the Directors of the Taunton Branch Railroad Company here to-day it was unanimously voted to accept the proposal made by the New-Bedford Railroad Company to consolidate with the latter on the basis that [illegible]

THE LATE CHARLES ASTOR BRISTED.

Mr. Charles Astor Bristed died yesterday at Washington. His death was sudden, although his health had for some time not been good, and he was not without some anticipation that his life was about to close. A fortnight since he wrote a characteristic letter of mingled whimsicality and gloom to a friend in this City, expressing some concern as to what would be thought of him after he was gone; his chief care seeming to be that he should be remembered kindly. To other reputation than that which is won by manliness of character and good nature, he seemed indifferent. This was characteristic of the man. With native ability and acquirements that placed him far above the average rank of successful contributors to the current literature of the day, he was little jealous of his literary reputation, although earnest and constant in his efforts for the cause of the higher literature. To many readers of THE TIMES his name as a man of letters may be almost unknown; but very few of them, or of those of the *Galaxy Magazine*, will not hear with regret that "Carl Benson" is no more. Under that name he has been a constant and highly-prized correspondent of THE TIMES almost since the week of its first publication. It was the name chosen by him as the signature of his lighter writings, those in which he dealt with occasional subjects—the follies of the day, questions of the minor morals, and the major comforts which concern so much the everyday happiness of all the world, and in the thorough understanding and right ordering of which he took a constant and an active interest.

Mr. Bristed was a New-Yorker by birth and family associations, and in this City he passed his earlier years. Of New-England stock on the side of his father, who was an Episcopal clergyman, he was, through his mother, a grand-son of John Jacob Astor, a portion of whose wealth he inherited. With an enviable social position, strong inclination for society, and an almost equal liking for manly sports, he resisted all temptations to a gay and dissipated or even merely fashionable life, and after graduating at Yale, he matriculated at Cambridge, England, where he took his second degree in 1845, and throughout his life he was a student. Regarded even from the higher point of view, his acquirements were large. He was almost a great scholar. In the Greek and Latin languages, and in general philology, he had no superior and few equals among the non-professional men of letters of his time and country. His controversy with that eminent Greek scholar, the late Prof. Felton, of Cambridge, attracted the attention of literary circles throughout the country. It was conducted on both sides with not a little of that asperity which seems unfortunately to be an inevitable attendant upon all disputes about linguistic particles and those airy nothings—words; very minute critical scholarship and a profound knowledge of Greek literature were exhibited on both sides; and when, after a long and bitter discussion, the disputants and their partisans stood just where they were when the contest began, it was generally admitted that the young New-Yorker had borne himself with credit in the face of so redoubtable and mature an adversary. Mr. Bristed took part in the proceedings of the Philological Conventions, where the papers read by him always commanded respectful attention, and he was also a critical contributor to the *North American Review*. To *Fraser's Magazine*, in England, he was also for a long time a contributor, and also to the remarkable volumes of *Cambridge Essays*, written by Alumni of the venerable English University where he took his second degree. A volume with the characteristically whimsical title, *Pieces of a Broken-down Critic*, was one of the fruits of those constant although incidental labors.

Mr. Bristed's widest literary reputation was, however, obtained by his *Five Years in an English University*, in which he told the story of his Cambridge life, garnishing it with the reflections which such a life could hardly fail to excite in a thoughtful and scholastic young man of American birth and breeding, who to his love of literature added a candor and independence of mind which are unfortunately even less common than strong literary tastes. The manliness of this book, and its humor, gave it a charm that won it readers and its author admirers among those who were particularly interested in the details of college life. Very notable in it was the confession that he found that he could not afford a certain style of living and studying upon which he had set out, and which he therefore gave up for one less costly. This from an American, and the grandson of the wealthiest American merchant at that time known to fame, was singular. But it was very characteristic of the man. Mr. Bristed's absolute independence of character was even more remarkable than his general culture and his scholarship. He had, what is too rare with us, an entire indifference to the opinion of mere masses of men upon political and social questions; and as to the criticism of "society," he did not give it a moment's consideration. He thought for himself and acted as he thought. And he was constant in his efforts to encourage this sort of independence in others. He was always ready to speak for the minority; and of late years he made himself a sort of champion of the cultivated minority of his countrymen, who, he insisted, were continually trampled under foot by the majority, as if they had no rights that the latter were bound to respect. He was, moreover, the open foe of Pharisees and ascetics of all sorts and sects, fighting ever for an enlightened freedom upon all questions, whether relating to mind or to body. He insisted hardly less upon the virtues of good wine and good cooking than upon the value of sound scholarship, and an elegant little volume of *Anacreontics*, filled with humor and the praises of the vine, which he printed for private circulation, might be seen lying side by side with his last philological pamphlet upon the importance of the study of Latin prosody. He was an encourager of sporting on field and turf; and for a long time was known as a contributor to the *Spirit of the Times*. Yet there was no tolerance of grossness or of loose life in him. Our readers may remember that almost his last contribution to THE TIMES was a letter giving wise and outspoken caution to young men who traveled in Europe against the wiles of the "hazlot-gamblers," whom he regarded, justly, as the chief occasion of modern European duels.

Mr. Bristed, it will be seen, was an uncommon man in America, and one of a sort that it were well if we could multiply. The influence of such a man is constantly toward social and intellectual elevation; toward simplicity and manliness of character; toward independence of thought, of feeling, and of action. The constant teaching of his pen and his example was, "Seem what you are, but be what is good. Do not fear the many; but be ready to fight for yourself and for the few whom the crowd would trample under foot." Not a popular man, although honored and loved and trusted by all who knew him well, his influence for good will yet be missed by many who knew nothing of him personally, now that he has left us at the mature but comparatively early age of fifty-three, at which he could do most of that peculiar service to our society for which he was so rarely qualified. His death is a public loss. We could have better spared some much better known man.

TRIAL TRIP OF A NEW STEAM-SHIP.

LEWES, Del., Jan. 15.—The new steamship [illegible]

JAY COOKE & CO.

MEETING OF CREDITORS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—A general meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Pacific Railroad and the creditors of the bankrupt firm of Jay Cooke & Co. was held at the Assembly Buildings, Tenth and Chestnut streets, to-day. About 600 persons, comprising leading bankers and brokers, professional and business men, and mechanics, and a number of women of all classes of society, were present. Much excitement was manifested, and on several occasions during the proceedings disapproval was expressed with the action of the firm in their financial transactions, and many times the meeting was disturbed. After the object of the meeting had been announced by the Register, Mr. Mason, a synopsis of the assets and liabilities was given, as follows:

ASSETS.

Class 1	$3,310,009 77
Class 2	3,930,018 09
Total, exclusive of class 3	$7,240,027 80
Deduct secured indebtedness	$1,496,689 00
Deduct seperate indebtedness of partners	85,003 65—1,581,692 65
Leaving, exclusive of class 3	$5,658,335 21

LIABILITIES.

Total liabilities, including foreign exchange, valuing the pound sterling at $5 50, and liabilities in gold at $1 10, about	$11,134,978 94
Deduct secured and separate liabilities	$1,581,692 65
Deduct due by creditors	1,971,540 24—2,653,232 89
Net unsecured partnership liabilities, without interest, damages, &c., about	$8,481,646 05

The amount of indebtedness to be deducted as above may vary from the sum stated, if the particular securities pledged should, in any instance, not realize enough to pay the particular debts for which they are pledged, and the general indebtedness will, of course, be correspondingly increased. Class 1 is composed of assets definitely appraised; class 2 of assets of uncertain appraisement, and class 3 of assets without appraisement. The latter comprises stocks, bonds, and property of like character, and some real estate in Minnesota. The appraisements by Marshal Keuns on the personal and real estate of the members of the firm aggregate, with bills receivable, $3,930,018 09. Edwin M. Lewis, the Receiver, made the annexed statements, showing how much has been collected: Bills receivable, $112,901 38; book debts, $11,312 86; bond and mortgage, $1,518 67; dividends on securities, and interest on mortgages, $3,945; and that he has received cash from the bankrupts, $31,347 96; from sales of 19,600 Philadelphia and Erie shares, $16,820; total, $227,745 87; that he has paid to secured creditors, $72,573 44; installment guarantee company stock, $1,011 84; installment Philadelphia Warehouse Company, $50,267; taxes, $1,383 22; protests, $27 56; freight and boxing of books from New-York and Washington offices to Philadelphia, $300; salaries of clerks and employes of bankrupts preparing schedules, balance-sheets, &c., $1,734 33; traveling expenses, $150 60; sundries, $438. Total, $77,936 74, leaving cash in the hands of the Receiver, $149,919 13. He stated also that he had hoped to have been able to have collected or realized an amount sufficient to pay a dividend in cash of at least five per cent. Although such a sum—about $425,000—is not now in his hands, yet he is of opinion that within the course of four to six weeks such a dividend might be declared by the assignee. He believes, moreover, that a large portion of the assets might soon be distributed in kind among the creditors.

An exhibit was also submitted showing the condition and prospects of the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad, Northern Pacific Railroad, and Central Railroad Company of Iowa. Several interesting personal statements of Jay Cooke, Sr., his family, and partners were made. After the transaction of general business an attempt was made to select an assignee or trustee, but as much confusion prevailed, and the creditors could not decide upon one, the meeting adjourned until to-morrow morning. It is expected that the business will be completed in a satisfactory manner at that time.

INCIDENTS OF THE MEETING.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Jan. 15.—The creditors of Jay Cooke & Co. met at the Assembly Buildings this morning. The hall was crowded. A number of ladies were present. Joseph Mason, Register, called the meeting to order and read the order of the court appointing Edwin M. Lewis Receiver and describing his duties. The Register also read answers of individual members of the firm to questions of the Receiver touching the transfers of property to any of their relatives or friends. Considerable applause was elicited by the announcement of George C. Thomas, one of the partners, that his wife, to whom he had given one hundred shares of valuable stock, had transferred this amount for the benefit of the creditors. Receiver Lewis stated that Mr. Thomas, several years since, paid up the premium in full for a life insurance policy of $10,000 in favor of his wife. Mr. Thomas has now canceled that policy, and paid the proceeds, amounting to $9,000, to the Receiver. The answers of all the members of the firm were read, the substance of which has already been published. At least a thousand persons were present. The most kindly feeling was manifested, and one creditor who offered a resolution which was thought to reflect unjustly upon the individual members of the firm in their private provision for their families, which had been retransferred for the benefit of the creditors, was hissed, and met with cries of "Turn him out!" The aggregate amount of the settlement made by the members of the firm is not yet footed up.

After the Register had read various documents and reports a motion was made to place the settlement of the estate in the hands of a Trustee and committee of creditors, under the forty-third section of the Bankrupt act. No dissent was expressed by any creditor to this mode of settlement as distinguished from a settlement by assignee. The Register then called for nominations for a Trustee and members of the committee. Mr. Edwin M. Lewis, the present receiver of the estate by appointment of the court, was the only candidate nominated for Trustee. Various names were proposed for committeemen. As the process of voting is a tedious one, the Register adjourned the organized meeting until 11 A. M. to-morrow, announcing that voting would proceed during this afternoon and be completed to-morrow.

PATENT RIGHTS

CONVENTION OF PATENTEES, AGENTS, AND INVENTORS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—To-day the Patent Rights Convention, composed of patentees, patent agents, inventors, and others, called by the American delegates to the Patent Congress of Vienna, assembled at the Legislative Hall, on Pennsylvania avenue. There were present over 200 delegates, representing eighteen States. Mr. J. M. Thatcher, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, was called to the chair, and briefly returned his thanks, congratulating the congress on so large an attendance. The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following list of permanent officers:

President, J. M. Thatcher, of Washington; Vice Presidents, N. R. Graham, of Chicago; Chief Engineer W. W. Wood, of the United States Navy; H. E. Towle, of New-York, and Miles Pratt, of St. Louis; Secretaries, J. C. Bancroft, of Boston; W. C. McIntyre and C. F. Stansbury, of Washington. The report was adopted.

It was decided that an evening session be held for discussion, and it was announced that Judge Nutt, of the Court of Claims, would address the meeting. A recess was taken for half an hour, to allow the delegates to become acquainted with one another.

The Business Committee reported a paper setting forth why the protection of inventions should be guaranteed by the laws of all civilized nations, and also stating the principles on which an effective and useful patent law should be based.

THE KENSINGTON CARPET-WEAVERS' STRIKE.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—The carpet-weavers' strike in Kensington still continues, with but little or no prospect of an early settlement of existing difficulties. Among the strikers numerous cases of distress are reported, and the relief committee are rendering all the assistance in their power. Several cases of interference with the workmen employed at reduced wages have taken place, and, to avoid any further trouble in this respect, the Carpet Manufacturers' Association has issued an offer of rewards for the arrest of all strikers found tampering with or intimidating any of those employed at present prices. It is roughly estimated that there are about 1,200 persons thrown out of employment by the weavers' strike in Kensington alone.

THE NEW-JERSEY SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

THE TROUBLE ON THE JERSEY SOUTHERN RAILROAD THE RESULT OF JAY GOULD'S MANAGEMENT—THE MEN UNPAID.

The strike on the New-Jersey Southern Railroad still continues. The employes express themselves as perfectly willing to resume work if the company will give them assurance that their salaries will be forthcoming when due, and that the back salary due them will be paid at some specified time in the immediate future. They claim to have been repulsed so often by the officers of the road under the control of Jay Gould that hereafter mere promises will not be accepted. When Gould became connected with the road it was in a flourishing condition under the management of Messrs. Bentley, Sneden, and Kenney. The salaries of the employes were regularly paid, the trains ran on time, and made the requisite connections. Mr. Gould found it necessary to supersede these men by those of a more congenial nature, who had been tried by him during his management of the Erie Road, and had not been found wanting. Their incapacity in the management of the road soon became apparent. It was found to be almost impossible to make connections with any other road, owing to the lack of ability on the part of the management to run their trains on time. Consequently, when the strike of the engineers took place the employes readily found sympathizers among the commuters on the line. This is not the first time the men have had reason to complain in this respect. Some of the employes have claims against the company for back salary in sums of from $200 to $500. On making application for money at the office of the company they have been ordered to leave, and in some instances the order has been accompanied by the flourish of pistols and threats of shooting if the order was not instantly complied with. Superintendent Surratt, it is said, took possession of the telegraph office at Manchester, N. J., and directed the operator to submit all dispatches to him before transmitting them. A committee appointed by the strikers visited this office last evening, and corroborated the foregoing statement. They assert that the accusation that the strikers have been destroying cars, tearing up tracks, &c., is false and unfounded, that they are peaceable men, and are in favor of a speedy adjustment of their difficulties and termination of the strike, and are fully aware that this end cannot be accomplished by the destruction of the property of the company.

TRAINS STOPPED AND TRAVEL IMPEDED—THE MEN DEMANDING THEIR PAY—STATEMENTS OF OFFICIALS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—A dispatch from Whiting's, N. J., says an attempt has been made to restore the track of the Southern Railroad, in order that the trains of the side roads may run over the line, but the strikers have forcibly interfered to stop the work, and are determined to resist all efforts to repair the road until they receive their back pay.

It is reported here that the Government is to assume control of the railroad, in order that the mails may be promptly delivered.

The freight delayed by the suspension of travel in consequence of the strike and tearing up of the rails is being carted to Perth Amboy, and dispatched via Camden and Amboy.

The officials of the road here assert that a train containing a number of persons returning from a funeral, among whom were a number of women and children, had been stopped on Tuesday last, and the passengers made to abandon the cars, and make their way as best they could to Egg Harbor City, and this in the face of a violent snow-storm. The train was to run only a short distance over the main line to make connection at Whiting's Station with the Tuckerton Railroad.

THE RECKIVER'S POSITION—STATEMENT OF GEN. STOCKTON.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—The troubles on the New-Jersey Southern Railroad are the theme of much comment. In conversation with Gen. R. F. Stockton, we learn that the road is now in the hands of the Court of Chancery, and that Gen. Stockton was appointed the Receiver, but without any authority to run the road. When the General went to take possession he had an inventory made of the rolling stock and personal effects, and found the Trustees under the first mortgage in possession and running the road. Not being willing to stop the operations, he did not interfere until Tuesday last, when he was informed by the Trustees before referred to that the men had struck, and that they could run the road no longer. The Trustees then handed the road and all its appurtenances over to Gen. Stockton as Receiver. This was on Tuesday. The General is now acting under instructions of the Court of Chancery, and he expects that everything will be arranged the coming week. The General apprehends no breach of the peace on the part of the employes, who are, for the most part, at Manchester, quietly awaiting some decision. The employes under the New-Jersey Southern Railroad rule before the old corporation became extinct by the appointment of a Receiver had been paid a portion of their wages every month, but not the full amount, and a balance was due them from the old road of $37,000, when the new Trustees under the first mortgage took possession under the law. The Trustees guaranteed to the men that they should be paid regularly in the future, and feeling that some of the men must be in want of money, ordered that a payment should be made in the month of January, 1874. Under this order the first payment was to take place last Monday, but was prevented by the strike of the men. The cause of the strike at that time is not known, unless it was that the men feared that by accepting pay under the new Receiver they might in some way acquiesce in the delay in getting their back pay. The men have been some years in the employ of the company, and will do no injury to its property, but want their money, and if there can be found any way, either through the Trustees under the first mortgage, or the Receiver, Gen. Stockton, legally to obtain their pay for the past, it will most certainly be done. Upon such assurances, it is thought, the men will go to work. The Receiver has no power to run the road, and it will take a few days to make the necessary arrangements by which the road can be started, which Gen. Stockton has no doubt will be done to the satisfaction of the public and every one concerned. The General will see the men at Manchester on Saturday. Under fears that violence would follow, the Governor has been called upon to order a company of the National Guard to that place to prevent any outbreak, but the statement of facts by Gen. Stockton put an end to all fears.

RAILROAD STRIKERS ARRESTED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 15.—The Adams Express Company's detective, Larry Hazen, in company with three assistants, succeeded to-day in securing $1,000 reward by capturing eight of the railroad strikers who were implicated in the attempts to explode engines and throw Little Miami trains from the track, near this city, on the 27th and 28th days of December last. The ringleader, Henry Lewis, is the only one among them who was an engineer. The rest were firemen, named as follows: Daniel Harvey, James Smith, Morris Reader, John Homer, John Van Horn, Robert Thomas, and Daniel Thomas. Harvey was arrested in Springfield, where he had gone to work as a brakeman on the Dayton Short Line. Daniel Thomas and Morris Reader had been reinstated by the Little Miami Road in their old places, and were arrested while at work on their engines. Harvey, Lewis, and Smith confessed after their arrest to the charges preferred, and seem not to realise the flagrancy of their crime. They will all be brought before the Police Court to-morrow morning.

SEVERE WEATHER AT ST. LOUIS—ICE IN THE RIVER.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 15.—To-day is by far the coldest experienced here this Winter, the mercury standing quite near zero. This morning the harbor was full of ice, some of which lodged on the Illinois shore, above the bridge. A telegram from Kimmiswick, twenty miles below here, says the ice gorged there at 11:30 this morning. If this proves to be true, and the present low temperature continues twenty-four hours longer, our harbor will be closed, and ferriage suspended.

THE BALL SEASON.

A MASQUERADE AT THE ACADEMY.

CERCLE FRANCAIS DE L'HARMONIE BALL—THE GREAT FRENCH REUNION.

That public balls are dreary affairs, no one will deny who ever went to them. But there is a *specialité* of public ball which is really and truly a grand frolic. This is the masked fancy-dress ball, than which nothing can be more jolly or amusing for those who have any spice of fun in their composition. Still, even for these there is the drawback that an opportunity is given for concealment which those who are not admitted to other balls will gladly seize on. The Cercle Français de l'Harmonie, however, have for many years taken such precautions to prevent and punish indecorum, and to exclude persons of improper behavior, that the fancy-dress entertainment which they offer is one of the few masked balls which decent persons of both sexes can attend. Yesterday night this association gave their ninth annual fancy-dress ball, at the Academy of Music; and as the circumstances were favorable and the weather fine the place was crammed to its utmost capacity. In accordance with that law of fashion by which the hours of entertainments of this kind are becoming later and later each year, very few persons presented themselves until after 10 o'clock. Even then, those who came were merely lookers-on, and took up their positions in the boxes and dress circle, with the evident intention of remaining there, and not mingling in what the poet ironically terms "the gay and festive scene." The few individuals in costume who were in the building at that early hour seemed rather disconsolate, but, as the hands drew nearer and nearer to eleven, more and more characters arrived, until at length the floor was covered with figures in grotesque, or, at least, unusual habiliments. In our American ideas of fancy dress there is seldom much latitude, and one sees every year the same costumes of folly, will-of-the-wisp, Hungarians, gypsies, queens of the night, seasons, columbines, amazons, &c., among the fair sex. On this occasion there were some novelties, including a lady who seemed to have stepped out of a greenback—a tendollar one, though the eagle had been left behind as an annoying incumbrance in a waltz. There were not a few who wore the piquant attire of the ballet, only with longer skirts; and there were many who were in full evening dress, with the usual floral display in rear and a mask over the face. Among the gentlemen there were men in armor, cavaliers, &c., and the usual list; but there were two dancing bears and a performing monkey whose antics were very laughable. The most singular attire was worn by a gentleman who personated Jason, and who had a species of golden fleece fastened to his back. He was, however, guilty of a serious anachronism when he rendered with much fidelity and grace those peculiarities of the French quadrille which can only be acquired to perfection at the Closerie des Lilas and the Chateau des Fleurs. For though Jason was a merry Greek, he was probably no dancer.

When the floor was fairly covered with long lines of promenaders the band stationed at the end struck up a march of the most lively description, being, indeed, a pot-pourri containing choice bits from "Les Brigands," "La Perichole," and "Le Petit Faust." Some of the members of the French society began singing very agreeably in a sort of chorus, and then the grand march of the conspirators was fairly organized. Along the length of the room stalked the phalanx of *jeunesse dore*, in evening dress and without masks, for it is considered by the swells undignified and in bad taste to wear a fancy dress. In all probability most of the costumes were worn by French and German gentlemen, who are more prone to relax than our Anglo-Saxons. There were not a few gentlemen in full dress who were masked, though they were decidedly in the minority. During the promenade there was very little of that badinage and defiance which characterize European masked balls, nor was there any attempt to support a costume by assuming the character. The management, wisely comprehending that the multitude would not enjoy such a programme, made haste to start the first quadrille. Then it was that the superior attraction and jollity of the *bal masqué* showed themselves. For all the dancers went to work with the utmost vigor, and danced, not with the cold formality of set entertainments, but as if they enjoyed it. In general, nothing is more disheartening than to watch the gloomy, dismal countenances of gentlemen who poetically mingle with the graces and the houris in dance. They wear the aspect of men condemned to die at an early date, but borne up by a consciousness of falling in the path of duty. The intelligent New-Zealander, who should watch the Lanciers danced in high life, would feel pangs of compassion for the unfortunates undergoing torture. But in the *bal masqué* whatever their feelings, their faces being hidden by the crimson satin or velvet, cannot betray them. Hence every one dances in security and ease. So it was last night, and the quadrillers quadrilled with an *entrain* and an enjoyment perfectly wonderful. After the first quadrille there was a slight interval of repose, and then the band commenced that most delicious of Strauss' waltzes, "The Blue Danube." The music fairly went to one's heels, and everybody on the floor was in an instant twisting and turning to the voluptuous measure. It must have been fascinating, for not only did it tempt those who could waltz, but even those who could not, and the consequences were a scene of jostling and confusion extremely amusing to witness from the boxes. The worst offenders were a heathen Chinee and a lovely demoness, who, after many shocks, fell prostrate, but fortunately without receiving any injury. The ice was now broken, and dance after dance succeeded, the flushed and panting votaries rushing over ad interim to Nilsson Hall, where there was a glorious buffet and a jolly supper. There was no fixed hour for the latter, but the majority took it about 1 o'clock in the morning. The hall rang with peals of laughter, to which the popping of champagne corks made a pleasant obligato accompaniment. Dancing gives such an appetite that everybody was hungry, and all sorts of delicacies and substantials faded away before the vigorous attacks of the guests. After supper dancing was resumed with increased spirit, and the wind-up—a furious gallop—took place about daybreak.

THE "HEAVY-WEIGHTS" BALL.

The "heavy weights," which, by the way, is a synonymous term for the "fat men," gave their annual ball last night at Irving Hall. To a matter-of-fact philosopher, who prides himself on an exclusive faculty of understanding actual things, it may seem that the times are a trifle out of joint when adipose humanity takes to dancing by way of amusement. That a number of gentlemen, the minimum weight of any one of whom is not under 200 pounds avoirdupois, and who range from that to 360 pounds, should commit themselves to the mazes of the waltz, or the intricacies of the Lanciers, or the brisk measure of a galop, is doubtless a matter for some wonderment. After all, these gentlemen only take their dance once a year, (and for the matter of that, they do not all dance by any means,) but there are other social qualifications in which they are far more advanced. As honest Jack Falstaff had a slight penchant for sack and ale, so the "heavy weights" are much given to clam-bake and chowchow. In this do they chiefly excel. In fact, they are a club of social gentlemen who enjoy themselves according to their inclinings, and last night's entertainment was but one of the forms which their enjoyment is accustomed to take. The ball last night at Irving Hall was not very different from any other spectacle of the kind, inasmuch as that which should have been an especial feature (to heavy weights themselves) was quite overwhelmed in the throng of leaner mortality which crowded the ball-room. In truth there were very slim young gentlemen there who, like Prince Hal, were straight enough in the shoulder, and didn't care who knew their looks, and any number of ladies of undoubtedly "fair form, fashionable mein and just proportions." Indeed, ladies of remarkable *embonpoint*, there were none, for although their ripe charms might be associated with the expletive "fair," might there not be also a suspicion of that other more undesirable supplement, "forty?" The decorations of the ball-room were not very elaborate, and derived all their variety from the many styles in which the American flag was draped and twisted. An illuminated motto, bidding "welcome" to the guests, adorned the end of the hall. The music was furnished by Wallace's Band, which opened the festivities with a grand entrée. The President of the club led the way with a lady who, although of ordinary proportions, looked rather diminutive beside a gentleman whose prime qualification for the high office which he holds in his club is that he weighs some 360 pounds. Other gentlemen of goodly proportions followed, and then there was a great crowd of slighter personages, relieved here and there by some more striking figure. A notable feature in connection with this entertainment was the great number of spectators (principally ladies) who occupied the galleries. The promenade over, dancing commenced with the Lanciers, such of the heavy gentlemen as took to the floor acquitting themselves with greater alacrity of movement than might be expected. They did not, however, betake themselves much to the round dances, which, by the way, were rather sparsely scattered through the programme. The arrangements of the ball were satisfactorily carried out under the guidance of the several committees. The dancing was not brought to a termination until an advanced hour in the morning.

SAVINGS-BANK LEGISLATION IN MAINE.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 15.—In the House, to-day, orders were passed looking to a change of the laws relating to savings banks, restricting the investments to bonds of the United States and New-England States, national bank stock of New-England, railroad bonds, and first mortgages on real estate; also forbidding the Cashiers of national banks to be Treasurers of savings banks.

THE BERGEN MATRICIDE.

PARTICULARS OF THE TRAGEDY—THE INQUEST—VERDICT OF THE JURY.

The terrible tragedy enacted in the former City of Bergen—which is now embraced within the limits of Jersey City—on Wednesday night, still creates the utmost excitement throughout the city, and forms the all-absorbing topic of conversation. All day yesterday crowds of curiosity-seekers gathered about the house, and many endeavored to gain admittance, but the afflicted family had no desire to gratify a morbid curiosity, hence none but relatives and immediate friends of the family were admitted. The house is a capacious, yet unpretentious two-story building, located on Carteret avenue, two blocks south of the Newark and New-York Railroad cut, and is surrounded by half an acre of ground. The family consisted of Mary E. Freeman, the murdered woman, Joseph N. Freeman, her elder son and murderer, Alman Freeman, his brother, who is a well-known physician in Jersey City, and two daughters. About three years ago the elder daughter looked with favor upon the attentions of a young man named Turner Fronk, but the girl's family were strenuously opposed to the match on account of the young man's poverty. The pair were clandestinely married, however; whereat the Freeman family were very much enraged, and forbade them the house. Fronk had no occupation, and no means of support, so that in a short time the newly-wedded couple were reduced to extreme destitution, and they decided to separate, the bride returning to her parent's house on condition that she should never see or communicate with her husband again. About a year ago Joseph H. Freeman, the husband of the murdered woman, died, bequeathing all his property to his widow, in order that his son-in-law might not derive any benefit from it. Of late Mrs. Freeman gradually became reconciled to her married daughter, and the others feared that the growing influence of the latter would have the effect of ingratiating her husband into her mother's good graces. It does not transpire that they had any reasonable grounds for such fear. Thus matters stood at the time of the enactment of Wednesday night's tragedy, the particulars of which were published yesterday. After making the demand on his mother for $3,000, Freeman drew the pistol on his pocket and threatened to shoot himself. His mother and younger sister started to leave the room, while Mrs. Fronk remained seated in her chair. Just as his mother reached the door Freeman pointed the pistol at her, and, taking deliberate aim, fired. The ball passed through her back, and penetrating the heart, the murdered woman fell dead over the threshold. Then followed the murderer's hasty exit from the house, his frantic but unsuccessful search for a physician, and his prompt arrest by Capt. Benson, of the Fourth Precinct Police. The prisoner was brought before Police Justice Keese yesterday morning, and declined to make any statement further than that he intended to shoot himself, and the shooting of his mother was accidental.

Coroner Mahan, of Jersey City, last evening began his inquest over the remains of Mrs. Mary E. Freeman. The prisoner was present with Norman L. Rowe, his counsel.

Mrs. Turner Fronk, the married daughter of the deceased, was the first witness called to the stand. She was dressed in mourning, and cried bitterly while giving her testimony. Her brother, who sat by his counsel, and almost directly opposite the witness, sat with his eyes bent upon the floor, and all the while that his sister was upon the stand he never raised his face to hers. She was the only one of the family who remained in the room after the prisoner had threatened to shoot himself, and narrated the circumstances attending the shooting, as already reported. She said, in addition, that her brother was not of an affectionate disposition, though he had never, within her knowledge, threatened to take life on his own. The witness always believed her brother's mind was unsettled. The lady concluded her testimony by saying that she saw her brother draw the pistol from his pocket and discharge it at his mother from a distance of about three feet. Mrs. Freeman expired without speaking.

Mrs. Freeman testified that she, with her two sisters was sitting in the room in which the tragedy happened, when her brother asked her mother for $2,000. The mother refused to give it to him. He said that he would shoot himself. Witness, fearing that he might do himself some harm, ran from the room. She did not want to see him shoot himself. She had got half way down the stairs when she heard the pistol-shot. She supposed that her brother had shot himself. Her brother was of an excitable disposition. He never lived happily with the family.

Harriet Freeman, another sister of the prisoner, testified to substantially the same state of facts. She identified the pistol as one that had belonged to her father, but she had never seen it in possession of her brother. At times, she thought, he showed symptoms of insanity.

Mrs. Adaline De Motte testified that she lives next door to the Freeman family. She heard cries for help at about 8:30 on the night of the shooting. She ran to the door of her own house, and found the youngest daughter of Mrs. Freeman lying there. She raised the girl to her feet, and the girl told her that her brother Joseph was shot.

Dr. Buck testified that the wound produced death. He described the course of the bullet, and said that it had perforated five vital points of the body.

Just before County Physician Buck had taken the stand, the three sisters of the prisoner were taken into custody by order of Coroner Mahan, and held each in $1,000 bail to appear as witnesses before the Grand Jury.

At 11:35 P. M. the jury rendered a verdict that deceased had come to her death by a pistol shot fired by her son, Joseph W. Freeman. He was committed for trial.

GOV. SEWARD'S PORTRAIT AT WELLS COLLEGE.

From the Auburn Advertiser.

On Monday morning, the 12th inst., there was placed in the reception-room of Wells College, Aurora, the admirable and valuable full-length portrait of William Henry Seward, by Charles L. Elliott. It has been so deposited by Henry Morgan, Esq., of Aurora. It may be that in thus placing an historic memorial of this great statesman in a public building of remarkable beauty, Aurora has anticipated the wish as well as the action of Cayuga County, the Secretary's cherished home.

In all this country, there was not, it is fairly claimed, a greater master in the art of portrait than Elliott. His rank had made itself acknowledged by those whose judgment of the art was most cultured. His pencil gave to the canvas such presentation of public men as make the reliance of after years. He rose to an eminence in which he confessed and men presented no superior. And fortunately Gov. Seward, in this portrait, came before the painter at an age when life and its hopes and pursuits were young. He had just entered on a career which was not to close until a great revolution in the condition of man, a terrible war, a cruel blow at life itself, made mournfully apparent the cruel changes of time and care.

Those who have known the statesman only in his years of fearful responsibilities, would find it as if a sunbeam came suddenly across the cloud to study this pleasant face, its look that of joyous strength—a face to look into as to that of a friend. If age and time gave sterner feature to the veteran in Senates and Cabinets, here we are at home by the side of the rising man—a man with his friends, not a chieftain far in front of his followers.

The picture was painted in 1844. That was a vivid year. There are many men yet living who, in the November of that year, buried their warm heart of political action in Henry Clay's grave, as did George Canning his own in that of William Pitt. It has sometimes seemed to me that at least, next to the period of our civil war, the country, even to the crossroads, was more agitated then than at any other time.

The time of the portrait is that of the first year of Seward's administration as Governor of New-York. He had just been successful over an opponent so distinguished as William L. Marcy. This picture should be seen to know what a young man it was who thus led that famous campaign. He is standing by a table before a crimson-colored chair. Near him is a copy of the Albany *Evening Journal*, and the name of the great Warwick of the State upon it. Of that great companionship which, through its thousand trials and reverses, did yet go to full victory, only Thurlow Weed yet survives—wise in the conduct of the present time—abundant in the memories of the past—his own name to be added to that brief list of men who have had the strength and courage to walk in that difficult circle of power which lies outside of office.

The act to encourage agriculture is of the remembered and perpetuated incidents of the grouping, while the geological and mineralogical volumes of the natural history are within the delineated area of the room. The volume of the laws of the sixty-second session of the Legislature of New-York marks the era of the public career.

The picture is in size about 5 feet and 8 inches by 6 feet 5 inches in breadth. It was originally framed by Rogers & O'Brien, No. 40 Broadway, New-York.

And so the memorial of a great statesman is placed in an edifice worthy of such ornament, in sight of the lake, whose Iroquois name was so long identified with his own—in a structure which the liberality of Henry Wells, whose friendship to the Secretary had delightful interchange or hospitality—in circumstances when young hearts can look upon the unmarred face, or of that which found its wound in the service of the country.

It is an auspicious time to give this portrait honorable place. After all the great service of Wm. H. Seward, his fame meets assailants. The beautiful land in which he dwelt may not swerve from him. There he sleeps his last long sleep. Perhaps it may be in the hearts of men. And when there stands by his grave such an eulogist as Charles Francis Adams, the son of John Quincy Adams, the grandson of John Anams, that slumber need not be disturbed by Gideon Welles or Jeremiah S. Black.

There were present at the arrangement of the picture Mr. Henry Morgan and another trustee, and Rev. Dr. T. C. Strong, who has been appointed President of Wells College, and has entered on his duties.

I need scarcely say that whoever visits Wells College will find this memorial of Gov. Seward an attraction which will at once commend itself to his taste. It adds another to the works of art already gathered there—the statues of Truth by Moster, whose name death has taken from the list of the sculptors of Rome, and of Minerva, the liberal gift of Henry and Charles H. Wells. W. H. B.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

DEBATE ON THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTRY.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 15.—The National Board of Trade reassembled at Rialto Hall at 10 o'clock this morning. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Dudley. Messrs. Henry W. Durgee and J. C. Johnson, of Newark, N. J., presented their credentials and were admitted. The Secretary read a communication from the American Cheap Transportation Association now in session in Washington, inviting the National Board of Trade to be present during the session. The Board tendered a vote of thanks, but, on account of a press of business, could not accept the invitation. The report of the Committee on National Finance was then taken up. John H. Boynton, of New-York, moved as a substitute for the report of the committee, the views and suggestions of a committee appointed by the Board of Managers of the New-York Produce Exchange to consider the subject of the national finances. Mr. Taylor, of Cincinnati, opposed the report submitted by Mr. Boynton. He said that the sentiment of the country was opposed to any increase of the interest-bearing debt. He denied the statement that owing to the growth of the country we required more currency year by year, and said that the circulation in Great Britain had decreased, while her commerce had increased 800 fold. He contended that this country needed less currency now than ever before. Facilities for exchange are such that currency is not required to the extent that it formerly was. While the United States Supreme Court had decided in favor of the constitutionality of the issue of the $400,000,000, he was confident they would deny the constitutionality of any further issue. If the Government was authorized to grind out greenbacks ad libitum, an ambitious President and Secretary of the Treasury at Washington could carry every election from Maine to California.

Mr. Dore, of Chicago, followed, and contended that paper money had value which was public confidence, which was the basis of the greenback.

Mr. Able, of St. Louis, said it was very bad legislation for a Government to issue a bond or note that sells above its face value.

Mr. Wessler, of New-York, spoke in favor of the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Boynton.

Mr. Smith, of Milwaukee, said the opinion prevails in this convention and throughout the country that the West was in favor of inflation or expansion of currency. He said the West was in favor of the restoration of currency to a specie standard as soon as practicable, and that all legislation on the subject should tend that way.

Mr. Bonner, of St. Louis, offered a preamble and resolutions as a substitute for the report of the Committee on National Finances.

Mr. Wright, of Chicago, followed. He did not believe in expansion of the currency, and he was certain that the majority in the West and Northwest concurred in his views. The greatest danger that menaces us now is inflation of the currency by Congress, and he would support the report of the Committee on National Finances.

Mr. Davis, of Cincinnati, believed that during the late panic the national banks stood by the people, and the safest thing they could do was to suspend.

Mr. Nourse, of Boston, said the present system of currency was false in its beginning, and false throughout. Its atmosphere is pestilential. He did not think that the popular branch of Congress was ever in a better disposition to do its whole duty in the premises. Should Congress enact a law that no bank should have a circulation over one-third its capital, it would be wise legislation. It is known that there is $150,000,000 of gold in the country. Three hundred and fifty million dollars are actually needed, and two hundred and fifty millions of it in the possession of the Treasury to make resumption safe and permanent. He advised a loan of two hundred million dollars of gold to be added to the gold in the Treasury, and then an announcement of specie payment by the Treasury of all its own obligations. The cost—$10,000,000 per annum in interest—would, after one or two years, be saved in more favorable rates for refunding the public debt. This is the plan of the debtor class, who want not only reasonably low interest, but loanable capital, which cannot be hoped for so long as so large a portion of it is locked up in bank circulation.

Mr. Chittenden, of New-York, believed in contraction because he believed the diminished business of the country required less money than it did last year. He said the banks of New-York are overloaded with national bank currency. There is no man with good security who cannot borrow, but it will not be loaned on wild Western lands.

Mr. Grovenor, of St. Louis, said the country needed, not more currency, but more capital. An increase of the former very often diminishes the latter. The West needed an increase of the employable capital of the country, and we hope to get it by a development of our resources.

Mr. Van Horn, of Kansas City, followed in an able address, which attracted much attention.

Mr. Grubb, of Philadelphia, read a letter from the former manager of the Bank of England.

Mr. Stevens, of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, then made an elaborate argument in favor of an early resumption of specie payments. He differed from those who thought specie payment far distant. He thought the increase of the products of the country would bring the requisite amount of specie, and we would gradually grow up to specie payment.

On the conclusion of the address of Mr. Stevens, the debate closed, and the report of the New-York Produce Exchange, offered by Mr. Boynton as a substitute for the report of the Committee on National Finances, was then voted on and rejected.

Mr. Stevens, of New-York, withdrew his amendment offered yesterday.

Amendments offered by Messrs. Nazro, of Boston; Bonner, of St. Louis; Grubb, of Philadelphia, and Dore, of Chicago, were then severally rejected.

The original report of the Committee on National Finances was then taken up, and the four resolutions telegraphed yesterday voted seriatim, and all adopted—the first by a vote of 44 to 9, the second by a vote of 43 to 10, the third unanimously, and the fourth by a vote of 36 to 18.

Mr. Grovenor, of St. Louis, said he was instructed to make a report from the Committee on Transportation.

The report was ordered to be printed, and made a special order for to-morrow morning.

Mr. Grubb, of Philadelphia, from the special committee to which the proposed amendments to the Revenue laws was referred, handed in a report, which will come up to-morrow.

At 4 o'clock the board adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

BANQUET AT BARNUM'S.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 15.—The members of the National Board of Trade were entertained to-night at a grand banquet at Barnum's Hotel, given by the Baltimore Board of Trade and the Corn Exchange. The guests sat down at about 9 o'clock, and the entertainment is still (at 11:50 P. M.) in progress. Speeches were made by Hon. Frederick Fraley, of Philadelphia; Messrs. Charles G. Nazro, of Boston; John C. Dore, of Chicago; John Price Wetherell, of Philadelphia, and Wm. M. Grosvenor, of St. Louis.

THE BRICK-LAYERS.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AT BALTIMORE—AVOIDANCE OF STRIKES RECOMMENDED.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15.—In the session of the National Brick-layers' Union to-day, on motion of M. C. Moore, of Syracuse, N. Y., the resolution that if the United Order of American Brick-layers conform to the requirements of the National Union they be recognized by this Union, and that we recognize working-cards from said order of American brick-layers, was passed. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means submitted a report, assessing the members of the union sixty-five cents each, which was adopted. At the afternoon session a resolution was passed that a committee of three be appointed to wait on the heads of all other national unions with a view to consolidation. Mr. Moran, of Brooklyn Union No. 1, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, In consequence of the dullness of work, as stated by all loyal unions represented here, and as the prospects for work in the Spring are bad, therefore

Resolved, That the National Union of Brick-layers do recommend to the brick-layers of America that they hold firm to their local unions, avoid strikes by all means possible, and do their best to assist their brother workmen in distress. We also recommend to the brick-layers of America economy in all things, and to avoid the use of liquor, as that is the curse of working men.

The convention then adjourned *sine die*, to meet at Louisville, Ky., on the second Monday in January, 1875.

THE SUN'S FAMILY OF PLANETS.

LECTURE BY PROF. PROCTOR AT ASSOCIATION HALL—THE SECOND OF THE SERIES ON ASTRONOMY.

Last night Prof. Richard A. Proctor delivered one of a series of six lectures on "Astronomy" at the Association Hall. There was a crowded audience. He limited his lecture to a description of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars, beginning with the last named, to which he devoted the greater portion of his remarks. Mars, he said, was situated under more favorable conditions than Venus or Mercury. Notes of the rotation of the planet were taken in 1666, and it was then found by the French astronomers, by whom they were made, that there were on it two spots, one of which it was thought grew gradually small. Time went on, and it began to be noticed that the spots remained unchanged, and that they belonged to the surface of the planet. A comparison was then made between the planet and our earth, and next came the question, how far we could regard the white spots

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, Thursday, Jan. 15, A. J. Bleecker, Son & White sold at public auction the four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, 20 by 53, with two-story brick extension, 15 by 20, and lot 20 by 53 block, No. 47 East Twenty-ninth street, north side, between Fourth and Madison avenues, for $36,800, the purchaser being James Harry. James M. Miller, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, C. U. Embery, Esq., Referee, disposed of three lots of land, together in size 75 by 100.5, with a frame house thereon, known as the "Tallman Mansion," located on West Sixty-eighth street, north side, 125 feet west of Eleventh avenue, at the rate of $4,700 per lot, or $14,100 for the entire property. The purchaser was C. J. De Witt, plaintiff in the legal action. S. Dingee, also under a Supreme Court foreclosure order, T. H. Landon, Esq., Referee, sold a three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 17.10 by 100.5, situate on West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, north side, 193.9 feet west of Fifth avenue, for $12,175 to C. E. Gates, plaintiff in the legal proceedings. The remaining legal auctions of the day were disposed of as follows: Sale by Joseph McGuire of a brown-stone-front house and lot on East Thirtieth street, west of First avenue, adjourned to the 22d inst. Sale by Messrs. Bleecker & Co. of a house and lot on west Thirty-eighth street, west of Seventh avenue, adjourned to Feb. 14, and sale by James M. Miller of leasehold premises on West Twenty-first street, west of Tenth avenue, property withdrawn, the matters in dispute having, for the present, been arranged. No further business was transacted.

In connection with the sale by Wm. Kennelly, on Wednesday, at the Exchange, of a lot on Tenth avenue, north of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, for $7,000, we should have stated that there is a well-built frame house upon the property bringing in a fair rental.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

For to-day, at the Exchange, two sales are noticed, viz.:

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Theodore F. Miller, Esq., Referee, of three lots of land, each 25 by 102.2, with improvements, on East Seventy-fourth street, south side, 250 feet east of Second avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, S. Jarvis Jr., Esq., Referee, of the four-story Mansard-roof iron bank building, with lot 25 by 125, on Bleecker street, south-west corner of South Fifth avenue. This sale has been heretofore a number of times adjourned, but it is announced for to-day as positive.

EXCHANGE SALES, THURSDAY, JAN. 15.

NEW-YORK.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.

1 4-story brown-stone house and lot, No. 47 East 29th st., n. s., between 4th and Madison avs., lot 20x53 block, house 20x53, with 2-story brick extension 15x20.....$26,800

By James M. Miller.

2 frame house and 3 lots West 68th st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 11th av., lots 1orm plot 75x100.5, house known as the "Tallman Mansion," sold as one parcel, but 3 lots, $4,700 each.....$14,100

By S. Dingee.

3 3-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, West 134th st., n. s., 195.9 ft. w. of 5th av., lot 17.10x100.5.....$12,175

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Wednesday, Jan. 14.

James st., No. 60..... $4,800
4th st., No. 59, East, n. s., 142.6 ft. e. of Bowery, 25.6x90, 1-5 part.....
25th st., No. 121, n. s., 275 ft. w. of 6th av., 25x98.9.....
3,125
45d st., n. s., 362.6 ft. w. of 6th av., 20.10x100.5.....
21,500
44th st., n. s., 469.10 ft. e. of 6th av., 25.2x100.5.....
28,000
4th av., s. w. corner 129th st., 99.11x140.....
22,000
4th av., w. s., widened, 59.10 ft. s. of 127th st., 19.10x80.....
80,000
10th av., s. e. corner 45th st., 75.3x100.....
28,000
Bulk-head on East River, bounded n. by South st. and forming part thereof, running e. 121.6 ft., including riparian and slip usage rights between piers foot of Broad and White hall sts.....
19,500
21,000

LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCES.

Barclay st., n. s., 77.7 ft. w. of Church st., 22x114.6, 21 years, per year.....
$1,370
45th st., s. s., 170 ft. e. of Lexington av., 20x100.5.....
11,100

LEASES RECORDED.

58th st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 3d av., 175x100.5; 59th st., s. s., 200 ft. w. of 3d av., 77x100.5; 3 4-12 years, per year.....
$18,000

CITY REAL ESTATE.

JOHN S. PIERCE, NO. 103 BROADWAY, REAL estate broker and agent for the renting and care of property. Makes a specialty of taking charge of estates, renting, collecting, &c. Gives his personal attention to all business intrusted to his care. Charge of estates solicited.

FOR SALE—THE NEW EXTRA-WIDE AND MODERN FIVE-STORY STORE NOS. 198 AND 200 CHURCH ST., NEAR WHITE ST., BUILDING IRON FRONT AND COMPLETELY MODERN; POSSESSION OF LOFTS FEB. 1, AND LOWER PART RENTED TO FEB. 1, 1875. Apply to HOMER B. MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

FOR SALE—THE BANKING-HOUSE ON THE north-west corner of Nassau and Pine sts., brown stone, five stories high, 37x83. Terms of payment liberal. Apply on the premises. ISAAC H. BAILEY, Receiver National Bank of Commonwealth.

STORE PROPERTY—FOR SALE A VERY FINE Sirloin store on Broadway, midway between Grand Central Hotel and Trinity, and fronting on the park, making it a prime business location. Apply to DAVISON BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

BROADWAY PROPERTY TO LEASE—SOUTH-west corner of Houston st.; plot 50x100; would be leased for improvement for a term of years with renewals. Apply to HORACE S. ELY, No. 22 Pine st.

FOR SALE TO CLOSE AN ESTATE.—HOUSES and lots, No. 211 Spring st. and No. 152 West 32d st. Address E. STEVENS, Cranberry Station, N. J.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—STORAGE STORES.—Stores Nos. 5 and 6 Atlantic Dock, fronting East River, adjoining Hamilton Ferry. Apply to S. B. SCHIEFFELIN, No. 170 William st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

TRUCK GARDENERS.

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OFFICES TO LET IN TIMES BUILDING.

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Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

TO LET OR LEASE.—THE FIVE-STORY BRICK building Nos. 54 and 56 Elizabeth st., 50 feet north of canal st.; building 50 by 50 feet, lot 50 by 100 feet; well adapted for a manufactory; will be altered or extended to suit tenant. Apply to J. MILTON WATERHOUSE, No. 174 Canal st.

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TO LET—STORES, OFFICES, STORAGE-LOFTS, sail-lofts, cellars, new building, South st. and Peck slip. WM. H. ONDERDONK, No. 284 Pearl st.

A FINE FIRST FLOOR TO LET WITH GOOD fixtures, No. 816 2d av.

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TWENTY-FIVE DWELLINGS AT GARDEN CITY, eighteen miles distant, on Central Railroad of Long Island; rents from $150 to $800; early and late trains, and cheap commutation. Also, five brick stores, with dwellings attached.

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TO RENT, NEWLY FURNISHED, A FOUR-STORY brown-stone high-stoop house, 17 feet wide, situated in East 48th st., near Madison av.; immediate possession; terms $250 per month. Address T. K. P., Box No. 189 Times Office.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—A FURNISHED HOUSE BY A LADY and gentleman, with one child; must be very complete, and in desirable location. Address, with price and full particulars, Box No. 2,936 Post Office.

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EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY BROWN & BLEECKER.—THIS DAY, (FRIday Jan. 16), at 11 o'clock, without limit, Escaroi, Peeled Peaches, Seedless Raisins, at 12 o'clock, within their stores: Fresh Palermo Oranges and famous canes of Cask, landed on Pier No. 1 East River; Valencia Oranges and Palermo Oranges, ex steamer; 15 Wyoming, landing on Pier No. 46 North River; Valencia Oranges, ex steamers Republic, Russia, and City of Brussels.

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7 PER CENT. BONDS

(free of taxes)

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GUARANTEED BY THE

Equitable Trust Company,

$1,000,000 CAPITAL!

These Real Estate Mortgage Bonds are commended to the attention of the most

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The company guaranteeing these bonds receives no deposits, owes no money, and incurs no obligation of any character, except those arising from such guaranty, thereby keeping its whole capital of ONE MILLION DOLLARS unimpaired to meet at all times the prompt payment of both principal and interest of these bonds.

All mortgages securing these bonds are formally approved by the following Executive Board:

R. L. KENNEDY, ADRIAN ISELIN,
SAMUEL WILLETS, JAS. A. ROOSEVELT,
WM. REMSEN, EUGENE KELLY,
CHAS. BUTLER, JOHN F. MAXWELL,
HENRY P. HAVEN, GUSTAV H. KISSEL.

These securities bear seven per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, and are offered for sale at par and interest at the office of the Equitable Trust Company No. 76 Cedar st.

JONATHAN EDWARDS, President.

CITY OF ROCHESTER

7 Per Cent.

WATER LOAN BONDS.

CIRCULARS ON APPLICATION.

ROBINSON, CHASE & CO.,

BANKERS, NO. 18 BROAD ST.

Houston & Texas Central Railroad

FIRST MORTGAGE

LAND GRANT SINKING FUND

7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds.

THE ROAD IS ENTIRELY COMPLETED, with full connections North and East, and its net earnings three times the interest on these bonds. In addition to thirty town sites of great value, the company owns 5,500,000 ACRES OF EXCELLENT LAND, well located, the sale of which, in addition to an annual sinking fund of two per cent. of the amount of bonds, is specially devoted to the purpose of paying said bonds.

JOHN J. CISCO & SON,

No. 59 Wall st.

Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Co.

SECOND MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS, GOLD COUPON BONDS OF $1,000 EACH. REGISTERED BONDS OF $1,000 AND $5,000 EACH. INTEREST PAYABLE 1ST JUNE AND 1ST DECEMBER. PRINCIPAL DUE IN 1903.

PRICE, 95% AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

For sale on behalf of the company by

SCOTT, STRONG & CO.,

Bankers, No. 36 Broad st.

The nominal amount of bonds authorized to be issued under this mortgage is twenty-five millions. Of this amount SIX MILLIONS are reserved to extinguish or absorb the mascured bonds known as the "New Sinking Fund 7s of 1862," and of the balance but ONE MILLION in amount are now offered for sale.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK at New-York, in the State of New-York, at the close of business on the 20th day of December, 1873.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	$1,122,422 09
Overdrafts	1,250 52
United States bonds to secure circulation	300,000 00
United States bonds to secure deposits	50,000 00
Due from other national banks	35,399 26
Due from State banks and bankers	247 55
Current expenses	1,961 10
Premiums paid	14,000 00
Checks and other cash items	36,050 68
Exchanges for Clearing-House	94,248 01
Bills of other national banks	91,110 00
Fractional currency, including nickels	4,905 40
Legal-tender notes	319,426 00
United States certificates of deposit for legal-tender notes	35,000 00
Clearing-house loan certificates	25,000 00
Total	$2,130,058 57

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	$300,000 00
Surplus fund	200,000 00
Interest	26,208 62
Profit and loss	10,000 00
Circulating notes outstanding	265,500 00
Dividend unpaid	125 00
Individual deposits	1,152,501 17
Demand certificates of deposit	10,518 39
Certified checks	17,032 96
United States deposits	3,341 49
Due to other national banks	13,838 94
Total	$2,130,063 57

STATE OF NEW-YORK, COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, ss.—I, O. D. ROBERTS, Cashier of the Second National Bank of the City of New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. O. D. ROBERTS, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of January, 1874. JESSE WEST, Jr., Notary Public, City and County of New-York.

Correct—Attest:

J. N. PHELPS,
AMOS H. TROWBRIDGE, } Directors.
JAMES A. TROWBRIDGE,

OFFICE OF NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 39 WILLIAM ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1874.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS PAST OUR BOARD have been anxious to abolish the distinction between the "Preferred" and "Common" Stock of this Company, as there were only two shares of Common Stock out, and it was no longer necessary that there should be two classes of Stock.

At the last meeting of the Stockholders held in Providence on the 30th of September, 1873, the following resolution was passed for the purpose of accomplishing this end, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby authorized to abolish the distinction between Common and Preferred stock, and to cause the whole to be held as Common Stock in such manner as they may see fit.

And the Board in accordance with the above resolution, have caused a new form of certificate to be prepared, and at their last meeting, held Dec. 30, 1873, passed the following resolution, viz.:

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Board will adopt the certificate presented by the Treasurer for use of the Company after the 10th January proximo, and that a circular be issued and sent to each shareholder, requesting them to send in the certificates now held by them and to receive in lieu thereof the new form.

In accordance with the above, we beg to request you to send at your earliest convenience for exchange, to Messrs. M. MORGAN'S SONS, Financial Agents, the certificates which you now hold, for exchange into certificates of the new form.

SAMUEL D. BABCOCK, President.
HENRY MORGAN, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOLD BLUFF SUBMARINE MINING COMPANY, made this 1st day of January, 1874.—The capital stock of this said company is $2,500,000, of which capital stock $2,470,000 has been issued by direction of the Trustees, in payment for the uses of certain patent rights. One hundred and fifty shares of the said cap tal stock have been subscribed for and paid in full, $15,000, cash.

The remainder of the capital stock, 1,650 shares, amounting to $15,000, is still unsold or subscribed for. The amount of existing indebtedness on the 1st of January, 1874, did not exceed the sum of $4,000.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1874.

GRINNELL BURT, President.
JOHN WM. HOUSTON,
FREDERICK STEINLE, } Trustees.
J. B. BARNES,

STATE OF NEW-YORK, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—On this 13th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, before me personally came Brinsell Burt, Prentice Hand Thomas Houston, Frederick Steinle, and John B. Barnes, Trustees, who, being by me personally sworn, each for himself, did solemnly swear that the contents of the within statement is true and correct, to the best of their information and belief. HENRY S. MOORE,

Notary Public, City and County of New-York.

DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD.

The bondholders' meeting, Charles Dana, Chairman, met pursuant to adjournment, at the office of Mr. Whitehead, No. 61 Wall st., and a large majority of the bonds were represented. A plan for reorganizing the road was presented and unanimously adopted, and following named persons were designated as Directors:

JOHN C. H. GRAM,
T. C. M. PATON,
DAVID B GREEN,
CHARLES DANA,
GEO. F. SHARPE,
GEO. S. SMYTHE,
CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD,
JOHN A. ELLIOTT,
C. C. NOURSE.

HOPE, NICHOLAS & CO.,

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Execute orders at both Boards in Stocks, Bonds, and Gold; buy and sell commercial paper; railway loans negotiated, and Agency for out of town corporations solicited; money received on deposit at four per cent., subject to check at sight.

JOHN HONE, Jr.
H. S. NICHOLAS.
H. CHAUVITEAU.

MARYLAND COAL COMPANY.

NO. 52 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

The transfer-books of this Company will be closed on the afternoon of the 20th inst., and reopened on the morning of Feb. 4. S. T. ROSS, Secretary.

INSURANCE STOCKS WANTED

By E. S. BAILEY, No. 65 Wall st.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE SCRIP wanted by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine st.

FINANCIAL.

LEONARD, SHELDON & CO.,

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LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,

BANKERS, No. 10 WALL STREET, NEW-YORK,

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

WM. B. LEONARD.
W. C. SHELDON. GEO. B. HOWELL.

THE HOLDERS OF AMERICAN EXPRESS Certificates, and those who have surrendered the same, are requested to advise with TAUSSIG, FISHER & CO., No. 32 Broad st.

DIVIDENDS.

FORTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

HANOVER

Fire Insurance Company.

A Semi-Annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. is payable on and after Jan. 1.

I. REMSEN LANE, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1874.

PHENIX Insurance Company,

OF BROOKLYN, N. Y.

JAN. 13, 1874.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of Five (5) per Cent., payable on demand at their office in New-York.

NO. 173 BROADWAY.

PHILANDER SHAW, SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, Nos. 59 AND 61 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1873.

SIXTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.

The Board of Directors have this day declared the usual quarterly dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the three months ending the 31st inst., payable to stockholders or their legal representatives on and after the 15th day of January next.

Transfer books will be closed on the afternoon of the 6th and reopened on the morning of the 17th day of January. JOHN KEELER, Secr'tary.

OFFICE OF THE

HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 11 WALL ST.

CAPITAL	$150,000 00
SURPLUS	155,369 68
ASSETS	305,369 68

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1873.

The Board of Directors have this day declared the usual semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent., also an extra dividend of Five per Cent., payable on and after Jan. 2, 1874. The transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 20, 1873, to Jan. 2, 1874, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. D. LEEDS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF

HOFFMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 130 BROADWAY.

M. F. HODGES, President.
SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Vice President.
OLIVER A. DRAKE, Secretary.

CAPITAL	$200,000
SURPLUS	132,101
TOTAL ASSETS	$332,101

NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1874.

A Dividend of Five per Cent. is this day declared payable on demand. OLIVER A. DRAKE, Secretary.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1874.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF this company and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the company, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of January, 1874, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

The transfer-books of the company will be closed on the evening of SATURDAY, the 17th of January, and reopened on WEDNESDAY, the 21st of January.

JAMES H. OGILVIE, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17, 1873.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The transfer-books of this Company will be closed on the 31st inst., and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1874.

A Dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of all taxes, payable in cash, on and after the 20th of January next, to the holders thereof as they stand registered on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 31st of December. All payable at this office.

Blank orders for dividend can be obtained at this office. S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

40TH DIVIDEND.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1874.

THE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of TEN (10) PER CENT., payable on demand at their office, No. 48 Wall st.

JOHN M. TOMPKINS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES EXPRESS COMPANY, No. 82 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1874.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES Express Company have declared a quarterly dividend of two (2) dollars per share, payable at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 84 Broadway, New-York, on and after Feb. 2, prox.

The transfer books will close (at the "Union Trust Company of New-York") at two (2) o'clock P. M., on the 20th inst., and remain closed until Tuesday, Feb. 3. GEORGE G. FARNHAM, Treasurer.

THIRTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 149 BROADWAY.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1874.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY DECLARED A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. PAYABLE ON DEMAND, JAN. 8, 1874. WM. E. CRARY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.

FIREMAN'S TRUST INSURANCE COMPANY OF BROOKLYN, No. 60 WALL ST. NEW-YORK, AND NO. 201 MONTAGUE ST., BROOKLYN, Jan. 12, 1874.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. was declared payable on demand.

O. D. MILDEBERGER, Secretary.

KNICKERBOCKER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (Established 1737.) OFFICE, No. 64 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1874.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECtors, held this day, the usual Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. was declared; also, an Extra Dividend of Five per Cent., both payable on and after Jan. 15, 1874.

The transfer-books will be closed from this date until the 15th inst. JOSEPH L. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY. Offices { No. 160 ATLANTIC ST., BROOKLYN. No. 178 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK. BROOKLYN, Jan. 9, 1874.

The Directors of this company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable on demand. W. C. CORNELL, Secretary.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1873.

FORTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

A semi-annual dividend of Three Dollars per share will be paid on and after the 2d of January ensuing.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE AMITY INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 345 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1874.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF (3½) PER CENT., payable on demand.

NATHAN HARPER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 166 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1874.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on and after Jan. 5, 1874.

C. W. PARMELEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK EQUITABLE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 58 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1874.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Ten per Cent., payable on and after the 15th inst.

JOHN MILLER, Secretary.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK, 42D ST. AND 8TH AV., NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1873.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—AN INTEREST DIVIDEND at the rate of SIX Per Cent. per annum will be paid to depositors entitled thereto, on and after Jan. 20, 1874. JAMES F. CHAMBERLAIN, President.

OFFICE OF THE MERCHANTS' INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 149 Broadway, corner Liberty st., NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1874.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT. is payable on demand.

J. L. DOUGLASS, Secretary.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.

LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 158 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1874.

The Board of Directors have declared the usual Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on demand.

A. H. WALTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MANUFACTURERS' AND BUILDERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 207 BROADWAY, CORNER FULTON ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1874.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared the usual Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable on and after the 19th inst.

J. JAY NESTELL, Secretary.

BOWERY NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1874.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 20, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

FARMERS' BANK OF KENTUCKY — DIVIDEND.—The Farmers' Bank of Kentucky has declared a semi-annual dividend of (4) FOUR PER CENT. free from Government tax, payable to the New-York stockholders at the Bank of America, on demand.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1874.

TWENTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.—STANDARD Fire Insurance Company, No. 117 Broadway, New-York, Jan. 13, 1874. A Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. is payable on demand.

WILLIAM M. ST. JOHN, Secretary.

BANK OF KENTUCKY — DIVIDEND. — THE Bank of Kentucky has declared a semi-annual dividend of (5) FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable to the New-York stockholders, on demand, at the Bank of America.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN Metaline Company, and the Foreign Metaline Company will be held at the offices of Hilton, Campbell & Bell, No. 257 Broadway, New-York, on TUESDAY, Jan. 20, at 3 P. M. JOSEPH BELL, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 158 BROADWAY, Jan. 9, 1874.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, Jan. 20, 1874, from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

THIRTIETH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE

COLUMBIA

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 161 BROADWAY.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT. on the capital stock, payable on the 15th inst.

JNO. B. ARTHUR, Secretary.

44TH DIVIDEND

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

OFFICE, NO. 156 BROADWAY.

A Semi-annual Dividend of SEVEN (7) PER CENT. has been declared, payable on demand.

JOHN BARRY, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1874.

THIRTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE

ARCTIC

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 104 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1874.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on demand.

CHARLES BAMBURGH, Secretary.

FARRAGUT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, OFFICE, NO. 346 BROADWAY, BRANCH OFFICE, NO. 61 LIBERTY ST.

CAPITAL	$200,000 00
CASH ASSETS	322,340 70

JAN. 13, 1874.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on demaud.

JOHN M. FURMAN President.
JOHN E. LEFFINGWELL, Vice President.
SAMUEL DARBEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, No. 71 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1873.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS COMpany have this day declared a dividend of Four per Cent. on the capital stock, payable on and after Jan. 20, 1874.

The transfer-books will be closed after the 10th, until the 21st of January. H. C. HICKS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF WEST WISCONSIN RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 74 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK CITY.

THE JANUARY COUPONS OF THE WEST Wisconsin Railway Company will be paid in gold on and after the 1st of January next at this office; for the convenience of holders of coupons in Boston and vicinity, at Messrs. Tower, Giddi gs & Co., of that city; in Baltimore, at Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, and in Europe at London and County Bank, London, England.

F. E. TROWBRIDGE, Treasurer.

ADRIATIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1874.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER Cent., is payable on demand.

CHARLES. D. HARTSHORNE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 141 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1874.

SEVENTEENTH DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on demand.

WM. RAYNOR, Secretary.

OFFICE HOWARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 66 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1874.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. on the capital stock of the company, payable on demand. THEO. KEELER, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANKS.

TRADES' SAVINGS BANK,

WEST 23D ST.,

Near 8th av.,

Have declared their usual Dividend of

SEVEN (7) PER CENT.,

Payable Jan. 20.

The business of this Bank increased more than one-half; its safety equal to the best institutions. Money deposited or drawn at any time. INTEREST FROM DATE OF DEPOSIT, thus saving account opened or transferred to this Bank from loss of interest. Deposits before Jan. 20 draw interest from Jan. 1.

Accounts opened of any amount and drawn against by check when desired.

C. B. LEBARON, President.

I. M. FREESE, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,

NOS. 1 AND 3 3D AV.,

Opposite Cooper Institute.

INTEREST at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on all sums entitled thereto will be paid to depositors on and after Jan. 21, or, if not withdrawn, will be added to the account and will draw interest from Jan. 1.

DEPOSITS made now draw interest from Jan. 1.

By order of Board of Trustees,

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.

PHILIP W. ENGS, A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, } Vice Presidents.

T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

Broadway Savings Institution.

No. 237 BROADWAY, entrance on Park place.

Interest on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. PER ANNUM, on all sums of $5 and upward, will be paid on and after Monday, Jan. 19, 1874.

FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.

WADE B. WORRALL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Actuary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION

NO. 96 WARREN ST., NEW-YORK.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums.

DEPOSITS made now draw interest from Jan. 1.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.

VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

ORIENTAL SAVINGS BANK,

No. 430 GRAND ST., between

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line will henceforth take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the eastward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston crossing meridian of 50 at 45 latitude, or nothing to the north of 45.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK.	FROM BOSTON.
Calabria, Wednesday, Jan. 7	Olympus, Saturday, Jan. 17
Algeria, Wed'day, Jan. 14	Marathon, Sat'day, Jan. 24
*Russia, Wed'n'day, Jan. 21	Parthia, Saturday, Jan. 31
Java, Wednesday, Jan. 28	Atlas, Saturday, Feb. 7
Abyssinia, Wed'y, Feb. 4	Hecla, Saturday, Feb. 14

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York. Steamers marked thus * donot carry steerage passengers. Cabin, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Tickets to Paris, $15, gold, additional. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage, $30, currency. Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates. Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Derry, Antwerp, and other ports in the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports. For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling green. For steerage passage at No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

WHITE STAR LINE,
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.
NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.

Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.

REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, Jan. 17, at 3 P. M.
ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, Jan. 24, at 10 A. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, Jan. 31, at 3 P. M.
ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, Feb. 7, 7 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.

Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining

SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.

Saloon, State-rooms, Smoking-room and Bath-rooms in MIDSHIP section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.

Rates—Saloon, $80, gold; return tickets, $140, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from the old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $32, currency.

Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, to Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.

Drafts from $1 upward.

For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.

R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

INMAN LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, Jan. 17, 2 P. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, Jan. 31, 2 P. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, Feb. 7, 9 A. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 P. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 A. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN, $70, $80, and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.

STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Bristol or Cardiff, $30. Prepaid certificates, $32, currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.

Drafts issued at lowest rates.

For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.

For Steerage Passage, at No. 33 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

Or to

O'DONNELL & FAULK, No. 402 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.

M. E. CREAGH, No. 102 State st., Boston.
F. C. BROWN, No. 32 South Clark st., corner Lake st., Chicago.
WM. INMAN, Liverpool, and No. 9 Rue Scribe, Paris.

CARDIFF LINE.

NEW-YORK TO CARDIFF.

The South Wales Atlantic Steam-ship Company's New, First-Class, Full-Powered Clyde-Built Steam-ships

Will sail from Pennsylvania Railroad Wharf, Jersey City:

ANDES, (chartered,).....Jan. 24
DELTA.....Feb. 7
GLAMORGAN.....Feb. 28
PEMBROKE.....March 14

Carrying goods and passengers at through rates from all parts of the United States and Canada to ports in the Bristol Channel, and all other ports in England.

These steam-ships, built expressly for the trade, are provided with all the latest improvements for the comfort and convenience of

CABIN AND STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

First Cabin.....$75 and $80 currency.
Second Cabin.....$55 currency.
Steerage.....$30 currency.
Prepaid steerage certificates from Cardiff.....$33
Drafts for £1 and upward.

For further particulars apply in Cardiff at the Company's Offices, No. 1 Dock Chambers, and in New-York to ARCHIBALD BAXTER & CO., Agents.
No. 17 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—This Company takes the risk of insurance (up to $500,000 in gold) on each of its steamers, thus giving passengers the best possible guarantee for safety and avoidance of danger at sea.

The most southerly route has *always* been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.

From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.

TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Egypt, Sat., Jan. 17, 3 P. M. Italy, Sat., Jan. 31, 3 P. M.
Greece, Sat., Jan. 24, 10 A. M. Spain, Sat., Feb. 7, 9 A. M.

FORTNIGHTLY TO LONDON DIRECT.

DENMARK, Summer.....

Cabin passage, $70 and $80, currency. Steerage, $29, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool to the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL,
VIA QUEENSTOWN,
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from

PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:

WYOMING, Capt. GUARD.....Jan. 20, 7:15 P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. MOORE.....Jan. 27, 1:30 P. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. PRICE.....Feb. 3, 7 A. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BRIDGE.....Feb. 10, 1:30 P. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. FREEMAN.....Feb. 17,
NEVADA, Capt. FORSTER.....Feb. 24,

Cabin passage, $80, gold.

Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.

For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall st.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

PEREIRE.....Dabbe.....Saturday, Jan. 24
AMERIQUE.....Roussan.....Saturday, Feb. 7
EUROPE.....Lemanie.....Saturday, Feb. 21

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine) TO BREST OR HAVRE.

First cabin.....$120 | Second cabin.....$75

Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

American travelers going to, or returning from, the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the inconvenience of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.

GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent,
No. 58 Broadway.

EAGLE LINE.

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAM-SHIPS,
TO PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG AND HAMBURG.

The elegant Clyde-built Iron Steam-ships will sail from New-York as follows:

HERDER, Capt. Fischer.....Jan. 27
GOETHE, Capt. Wilson.....Feb. 10
SCHILLER, Capt. Thomas.....Feb. 24
WERRA, Capt. Hein.....March 10

The Eagle Line pier foot of 1st st., Hoboken. Rates of passage to

PLYMOUTH, LONDON, CHERBOURG, AND HAMBURG: Cabin, first saloon, $120, gold; second saloon, $72, gold; steerage, $30, gold. Prepaid tickets from Hamburg, $36, currency.

The first and second saloons are on the same deck. The steerage is divided into sections for six to twenty persons, well lighted, and provided with dining tables.

For freight apply to FUNCH, EDYE & CO., No. 27 South William st. For passage apply to

KNAUTH, NACHOD & KUHNE,
General Agents, No. 113 Broadway.

GREAT WESTERN
STEAM-SHIP LINE.

NEW-YORK TO BRISTOL, ENG., DIRECT.

Taking goods and passengers for London, Cardiff, Newport, Gloucester, and all ports in Bristol Channel.

The steamers of this line will sail from Pier No. 18, East River, as follows:

ARRAGON, Western.....Wednesday, Feb. 4
GREAT WESTERN, Seymour.....Saturday, Feb. 21
CORNWALL, Gibson, to follow.

Cabin passage, $70 currency; intermediate, $45 currency; steerage, $30 currency. Parties wishing to send for their friends can obtain prepaid certificates. Drafts for £1 and upward. For freight or passage apply to

E. H. MORGAN'S SONS,
No. 70 South st., New-York.

FOR HAVANA.

NASSAU, PROGRESO, AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line,
Leaving Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.

CUBA, (Havana direct).....Jan. 17
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct).....Jan. 23
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana direct).....Jan. 29
CITY OF MEXICO, (Havana and Mexico).....Jan. 31
CITY OF MERIDA, (Havana via Nassau).....Feb. 5

For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 33 Broadway.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,

STEAM-SHIP CITY OF MERIDA

Will leave Pier No. 3 North River, Feb. 5, at 3 P. M.
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 33 Broadway.

SAMANA BAY COMPANY.

For Puerto Plata, Samana, and San Domingo City the United States Mail steam-ship TYBEE, Capt. J. A. DELANOY, will leave Pier No. 3 North River on SATURDAY, Jan. 17, at 3 P. M. Bills of Exchange on Puerto Plata, Samana, and San Domingo City, in sums to suit purchasers, for sale. For freight or passage apply to SPOFFORD BROTHERS & CO., No. 36 Broadway.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both the annoyance and expense of a courier, and should never leave Paris without one. Their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of calls and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best [illegible]

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP LINE.
GREAT REDUCTION IN RATES OF FREIGHT AND PASSAGE.

The magnificent steam-ships of this line will leave Pier No. 42 North River, New-York, for Aspinwall, at 12 o'clock noon, as follows:

Jan. 17—CITY OF PANAMA, (new,) Capt. ——, for freight only.
Jan. 28—ACAPULCO, Capt. GRAY, for passengers and freight.
Feb. 7—RISING STAR, Capt. JONES, for freight only.
Feb. 17—COLON, Capt. W. HUDSON, for passengers and freight.

Connecting at Panama with the large and splendid steam-ships of this Line for San Francisco, and also connecting at the Isthmus with steamers for Central American and South Pacific ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

New-York to San Francisco, cabin, $100, or $110, currency, according to location.

New-York to San Francisco, steerage, $50, currency.

Steamers of this line for Japan and China leave San Francisco on the 1st of every month.

For freight and passage, or other information, apply at the Company's office, Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal st., New-York.

H. J. BULLAY,
RUFUS HATCH, Superintendent.
Vice President and Managing Director.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA, AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS.

THE STEAM-SHIPS

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, Jan. 17, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

MONTGOMERY, Capt. FAIRCLOTH, SATURDAY, Jan. 17, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 93 West st.

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, Jan. 20, from Pier No. 16 East River at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 52 South st.

HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, Jan. 22, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rates and bills of lading, in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Freight Line.

GEORGE YONGE,
Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 409 Broadway.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT
AND
PASSENGER LINE,
FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

SAILING TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY from Pier No. 29 North River.

CHAMPION, Capt. R. W. LOCKWOOD, Saturday, Jan. 17.
MANHATTAN, Capt. M. S. WOODHULL, Tuesday, Jan. 20.
SOUTH CAROLINA, Capt. J. T. BECKETT, Thursday, Jan. 22.

Superior accommodations for passengers.

☞ Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Goods forwarded free of commission.

Passage tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of

JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents,
No. 177 West st., (corner of Warren,)
Or W. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling green.

Through freight tariffs. Passage tickets by all routes and to all points in the South and South-west, and further information can be obtained at the office of

BENTLEY D. HASELL,
General Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 317 Broadway.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO with the English and French Mail Steam-ships for MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.

The splendid steam-ship MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WINE, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on FRIDAY, Jan. 23, at 3 P. M., calling at ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.

First cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210, and to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage half price. EXCURSION TICKETS, good for six months, at three quarters of above rates.

Freights greatly reduced.

Apply to WM. R. GARRISON,
No. 5 Bowling green.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA.

First-class full-powered English-built iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 12 North River.

For HAYTI, CURACOA, VENEZUELA, and PORTO RICO.
CLARIBEL.....Jan. 30.
CORINTH.....Feb. 20.

For JAMAICA and COLOMBIA.
ATLAS.....Jan. 30.
ETNA.....Feb. 17.

First-class passenger accommodation.

PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents.
Nos. 56 Wall and 59 Pine sts.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:

Steam-ship WILMINGTON, HOLMES, Jan. 20.
Steam-ship MORRO CASTLE, MORTON, Jan. 27.
Steam-ship CRESCENT CITY, CURTIS, Feb. 3.

For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to

WM. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling-green.

D. McKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

ANCHOR LINE

Steamers sail from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Dey st.,

every WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

Passengers booked at lowest rates to and from Glasgow, Liverpool, Londonderry, London, Belfast, Paris, Hamburg, Bremen, &c. Company's office, No. 7 Bowling green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

STEAMBOATS.

HARTFORD BOATS—DAILY LINE.—LEAVE Pier No. 24 Peck-slip, East River, daily, (except Sundays,) at 3 o'clock P. M. All persons are forbid trusting any one on account of these steamers.

For Freight or Passage, apply on board, or at the office of the Company, Pier No. 24 Peck-slip.

W. H. GOODSTEED, Vice President.
SAXTON & SHABURT, Freight Agents, No. 119 South st.
JUNE 1, 1873.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 5 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, at 8:40 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 8:40, 9:30, A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5, 8, 10, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For Trenton at 7:20 A. M., 2, 3, 10, and 6:10 P. M. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2:30, 3:30, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 8:10 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:10, and 6 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For East Millstone, 8 A. M., 12 noon, and 4:30 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 3 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 6:10 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Long Branch, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 12:35 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:55 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:05 A. M., 12:18 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:15, 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket offices, Nos. 526, 435, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.

A. J. CASSATT,
General Manager. D. M. BOYD, Jr.,
General Passenger Agent.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD.

NOTICE.

On and after Dec. 1, 1873, trains will leave South 8th st., Brooklyn, as follows, Sundays excepted:

For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

For Islip, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 and 8 P. M.

For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

For Hempstead, Rockaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

For Jamaica, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 P. M.

Sunday trains leave Brooklyn for Islip at 9 A. M.

GEO. F. CARMAN, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Nov. 3, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St. Albans.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.

10:45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.

9:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Chicago and Canandaigua.

9:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago and St. Louis.

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RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN, AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.
NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN DIVISION.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT,
COMMENCING NOV. 17, 1873.

Passenger Station in New-York, Grand Central Depot. Entrance on 42d st.

TRAINS LEAVE NEW-YORK.

Trains for New-Haven leave at 7:05, (accommodation,) 8:05, (express,) 9:05, (accommodation,) 10 A. M., (express,) 12 M., (accommodation,) 1, (express,) 3, (express,) 3:55, (accommodation,) 4:38, and 5:10, (local express,) 8:10, (express,) and 9:10, (express,) P. M.

For South Norwalk 7:05, 8:05, 9:05 A. M., 12 M., 1, (express,) 3, 3:55, 4:38, 5:10, 6:35, 8:10, 9:10 P. M. For Stamford 7:10, 8:05, 9:05, 10:10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2:23 and 3, (express,) 3:55, 4:38, 4:45, 5:10, 5:40, 6:35, 7:20, 8:10, 9:10 P. M.

For Port Chester 11:40 P. M.

Boston Express, via Springfield, at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 8:10 P. M., via Shore Line, at 1 and 9:10 P. M. The 8:05 A. M., 1, 3, and 8:10, and 9:10 P. M., stopping at Stamford, Norwalk, and Bridgeport. The 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M. connects with trains on Shore Line Division for Norwich and Providence, and the Connecticut Valley at Saybrook. The 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M. connect with New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at New-Haven; 8:05, 10 A. M., and 12 noon trains connect with Connecticut River Railroad at Springfield, and 3 P. M. for Montreal. The 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M. connects with Naugatuck Railroad, and the 8:05 A. M., 3 P. M. with Housatonic Railroad at Bridgeport. The 8:05 and 9:05 A. M. and 3 and 4:38 P. M. with Danbury and Norwalk at South Norwalk, and the 8:05 A. M., 1, and 5:10 P. M. with New-Canaan Railroad at Stamford.

Sunday Boston mail trains at 7 P. M., via Springfield at 9:10 P. M. via Providence.

Drawing-room cars on day express and sleeping cars on night express trains.

Tickets can be purchased at ticket office of company at Grand Central Depot, and at offices of New-York Transfer Company, No. 944 Broadway, and Windsor House, New-York, and No. 1 Court st., Brooklyn, who will also check baggage from residence to destination.

For further information of particulars see posters at hotels and depot.

JOHN T. MOODY,
Superintendent of New-York Division.
E. M. REED, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.

ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville, with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.
Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

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6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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Permission has also been given to have said remains removed to such cemetery or cemeteries as may be designated by the School Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward.

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New-York, Jan. 6, 1874.

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LOSSES BY FIRE.

$100,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED IN BROOKLYN.

EXCITEMENT AT THE RAYMOND STREET JAIL—FIVE LARGE STORES DESTROYED.

Yesterday was a day of fire in Brooklyn. About 11 o'clock in the forenoon a fire broke out in the Raymond Street Jail, which for a time caused much consternation among the prisoners and keepers. The fire originated in a flue which extended through and heated the male department of the prison. The damage was trifling, but had it not been for the prompt arrival of the Fire Department, the loss of life might have been considerable. The fire was first announced to the keepers by the screams of Mrs. Merrigan, who is detained on a charge of murdering Miss Maggie Hamill, and afterward setting fire to the house (Mrs. Merrigan's house) in which the murdered woman lay. The window of Mrs. Merrigan's cell overlooks the yard facing the male department of the prison. When the flames first became visible she rushed along the corridor toward the keeper's room, crying "Fire!" The alarm was at once rung, but before the arrival of the Fire Department Warden Stenson, who is in charge of the prison, had, by the judicious application of some pails of water, almost subdued the flames. The prisoners were quickly removed from the male department on the first alarm, but fortunately, although much confusion prevailed, none of them escaped. Shortly after the arrival of the fire-engines the fire was extinguished, the loss on the building amounting to less than $500. The rumor that the fire was the work of one of the prisoners confined in the jail is dispelled by the following communication of Sheriff Williams in the afternoon to the Board of Supervisors:

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

GENTLEMEN: A fire broke out in the County Jail about 11 o'clock A. M. to-day, doing damage to the extent of $500 by fire and water.

The fire originated from a defective smoke-pipe or flue over the engine-room of the male prison, and burned a portion of the ceiling of the room occupied by the "bell men." A straw bed was set on fire, which, being saturated with water, produced a dense smoke, discoloring the walls, but doing no other damage. Not a prisoner escaped, nor was a single prisoner injured in the slightest degree.

It became necessary for the Fire Department to cut away a small portion of the roof, which should be repaired at once. I desire to call your attention to the fact that there is not an inch of fire-hose in the jail, and no conveniences whatever for putting out fire.

I respectfully ask that some provision be made at once to supply the necessary wants in that respect.

Yours respectfully, A. G. WILLIAMS, Sheriff.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 15, 1874.

Scarcely had the fire-engines returned to their respective houses, after the conflagration in the jail had been extinguished, when the bells rang out an alarm of fire in the Fifteenth District. This fire proved to be one of the most extensive that has occurred in Brooklyn for some time. The flames broke out in a shed used as a linseed-oil works, on Water street, and quickly spread to the stores of Nesbit & Sons, facing on the river. These stores were filled with a general assortment of merchandise, consisting of jute, hides, log-wood, gunny bags, leather, and palm-oil. Second Engineer Farley, immediately on arriving at the scene of action, ordered a second alarm, but despite the utmost efforts of the firemen the flames spread rapidly, and it soon became apparent that five at least of the eight warehouses must be demolished. The fire, although from the nature of the material ignited produced more smoke than flame, was distinctly visible from the New-York side, and in full view of thousands who crossed the ferry in about that hour. Crowds turned toward the scene of the conflagration, and the Police, under command of Superintendent Folk, had all they could do to keep back the eager multitude. The Coney Island, De Kalb avenue, Vanderbilt avenue, and Smith street cars were stopped for several hours. The Empire Stores consist of brick sheds three stories in height. The partition walls dividing the different stores did not reach entirely to the roof, and this fact proved one of the principal obstacles in the way of the firemen. The flames springing to the roof of the building, found food in the light shingles of the roofing, and spread rapidly along the tops of the stores. For a time Mr. Massey, President of the Fire Department, thought that the entire range of stores from Main street to the Fulton Ferry must succumb to the flames. The firemen, however, succeeded, despite the blinding smoke, in breaking a hole through the roof and opposing the progress of the flames in a northerly direction by the four powerful streams of water. The stores adjoining those of Nesbitt & Sons were only saved by a twenty-eight inch wall of solid stone masonry. The firemen suffered intensely from the severe cold. Many of them, who were unprovided with rubber coats, or who had, in their haste to attend the summons of the fire-bell, been unable to procure those necessary articles, were disabled by the cold and weak. Beyond the sufferings of the firemen there were no incidents of particular interest connected with the fire. By 5 o'clock the flames were under control. The fire is still smouldering, but it is not anticipated that the adjoining stores are in any danger. The loss as estimated by the Fire Marshal is $25,000 on buildings and $75,000 on stock, all of which is covered by insurance. The office of Nesbitt & Sons was early vacated, and all the books of the firm saved.

About 5 o'clock last evening another fire occurred at No. 654 Fulton street, in the shirt store of H. A. Brown, causing a loss of $25. Between 5 and 6 o'clock a fire broke out in the oil works of Libby & Clarke, corner of Verona and Richards streets, South Brooklyn. The fire originated in a stove-pipe, and ignited the roof, but owing to the prompt arrival of the Fire Department, was speedily extinguished. Loss $150.

At 5:15 o'clock, a fire occurred in the window of May & Parker's dry-goods store, No. 1 381 Fulton street, occasioned by some goods igniting from the flame of the gas-jets. A loss of $300 was sustained before the flames were extinguished. The property is insured in the Phœnix for $2,000, and the Ætna and Hartford for $2,800.

FIRES IN THIS CITY.

At 1 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the basement of No. 7 Dover street, occupied by Stephen Sheurer, and caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp; damage, $50....At 4 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the two-story frame stable, No. 268 West Fortieth street, occupied by George Ranch, caused by a boy dropping a lighted candle. A horse, valued at $300, was burned to death. The building was damaged to the extent of $150....Some unknown miscreant attempted to fire the five-story tenement-house No. 693 Third avenue, occupied by a number of families. At 4 o'clock the incendiary poured some kerosene oil on the matting in the main hall and set fire to it. The flames were discovered and extinguished by Patrolman Harrison Wilson, of the Nineteenth Precinct, before they had made any progress....Between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire occurred on the second floor of the tenement-house No. 37 Washington street, occupied by Bridget Wilson; damage, $25.

ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW TAMMANY GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The temporary Committee on Organization of the new Tammany General Committee was occupied yesterday in hearing further testimony concerning the primary election frauds in the new Twenty-third Ward. Contesting delegates from the new Twenty-fourth Ward also presented protests against the legality of the ticket declared elected by the Inspectors in that locality. No decisions on the contested elections in the various districts referred to the committee for settlement, were made, and it is not probable that any will be until Saturday next. An excited meeting of the District Committee of the Sixteenth Assembly District, certified to as elected by the Inspectors, was held last evening, corner of Twenty-third street and Third avenue. Peter Woods made a speech, in which he charged the opponents of the "regular" ticket, and more especially one individual whose name he would not repeat, as guilty of the most shameful fraud and treachery to the central organization. A resolution adopted at a meeting of the Committee on Organization was read, recommending that the organization of committees in contested districts should be postponed until the contests are decided, and the meeting then adjourned.

MR. BERGH'S BUSY SEASON.

Yesterday morning Mr. Bergh received intimation that a dog-fight was to take place at Frank Pollock's saloon, at Weehawken, in the afternoon. The New-Jersey Society was immediately informed of it, and two of Mr. Bergh's officers were at each ferry on this side, with warrants to arrest all persons found crossing the river with bull-dogs in their possession. Unfortunately the New-Jersey officials appear much like the Long Island authorities, somewhat loth to defend the humane laws enacted for the protection of dumb animals, and they failed to take advantage of the hint given them by Mr. Bergh, and the beastly and demoralizing combat went on, and was ended without any arrests being made. As the Bergh deputies were watching the Forty-second Street Ferry a drove of cattle came over, and one of the drovers with a heavy cudgel belabored one of the oxen over the head and face most cruelly. He was arrested and locked up, and the cudgel remains a trophy in the hands of the society. A Fifth avenue stage-driver also came to grief last night, being arrested by one of the society's officers driving a very lame horse. A veterinary surgeon pronounced the disabled animal totally unfit for work.

NAVAL WARFARE.

Frederick Lubo, Captain of a lumber barge, was yesterday arraigned before Judge Kasmire, at the Harlem Court-house, on a charge of discharging, with deadly intent, a shot-gun at George Magee, Captain of the steamer Sylvan Grove. Lubo's barge was lying at the foot of East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and, when the steamer was passing, he hailed Capt. Magee and asked him to "slow up." Before the Captain could signal the engineer, Lubo raised his shot-gun and fired, luckily doing no injury. He was arrested by Officer Brown, of the Twelfth Precinct. Judge Kasmire held the prisoner in $1,500 bail, to answer at General Sessions, and Edward P. Steers, of No. 1,311 Fourth avenue, became his bondsman.

HAVEMEYER'S UMBRELLA-CARRIER.

THE LIFE AND SWINDLING CAREER OF "NOSEY" QUINN—TWENTY YEARS OF THIEVERY—WHAT "FATTY" WALSH THINKS OF THE NEW WARDEN.

To say that the reputable portion of the community were astounded by the announcement in THE TIMES Wednesday morning that our nondescript Mayor had succeeded, after seven months' intriguing, in having his valet-de-chambre and umbrella-carrier, John, alias "Nosey," Quinn, appointed Warden of the City Prison vice Warden William Johnston, removed, but feebly expresses the indignation and disgust felt by the honest citizens of the City. All were aware that Quinn was wholly unfitted for the position, but the great majority were ignorant of what a degraded and disreputable person had been selected as a fit man to keep watch and guard over, and safely detain, the City's criminals. It was not even suspected by the greater portion of the citizens who were averse to the appointment, that the man thus placed in such an important public position, during all the days of his tortuous life has been a constant associate and companion of the very criminals who will in all probability be given into his custody. Detectives who have been carefully investigating Quinn's antecedents, and who are now endeavoring to fathom the peculiar tie which evidently gains for Quinn the friendship and influence of his master Havemeyer, furnish the following facts regarding "Nosey" Quinn's previous career:

He has been a "Bowery boy" from his infancy, a companion of smarter thieves and low politicians, and from the hour of his appearing in the Tenth Ward has continued the friendships he then formed.

In 1855, "Nosey" Quinn sold to a gentleman named Joseph Burr, at the corner of Chatham square and Chatham street, a letter press. Mr. Burr gave "Nosey" $150, and Quinn promised to deliver the letter press on the following day. He never did so, and never refunded the money. Mr. Burr could not find Quinn, and has not up to the present received the $150 of which Quinn robbed him.

Quinn's next phase in life was that of "a check-charmer" in the Bowery. A "check-charmer" is a shiftless swindler who frequents faro banks and begs checks from fortunate players. Quinn frequented Nos. 40, 42, and 41 Bowery, also the game at the south-east corner of Grand street and the Bowery. By his persuasive powers he succeeded in nightly gathering a few charitable chips, and so eked out a precarious livelihood.

The old Chrystal saloon, the site of which is now occupied by the St. Augustine Chapel in the Bowery, was a favorite resort of Quinn's. On the second floor over the saloon, a square game of faro was dealt by "Shell" Hamilton, an ex-professional. This game was especially frequented by the greater number of clever professional thieves in the City. Among the many thieves who frequented the place, were Henry Neuman, alias "Dutch Heinrichs;" Chauncey Johnson, the bond robber; Marc Shinborne, the Ocean Bank burglar; Patsey Conroy and Denis Brady, two of the gang of masked burglars arrested a few days ago; John Keefe, alias "Johnny the Greak," now in Clinton State Prison, and many other equally celebrated criminals. "Nosey" Quinn, therefore, in frequenting this place, made acquaintances and gained information likely to be useful to him in his management of the City Prison.

The Bowery, however, was not the place for a man of John Quinn's talents, so he migrated to Broadway, and established himself at the skin faro bank kept by one Ingersoll at No. 593 Broadway, over Marley's furniture warehouse. This game was known to every sportsman in the City as a den of infamous thieves. It was what is known as a two-card faro game, a game at which a player is bound to be plundered by the chief who presides at the faro table. John, alias "Nosey," Quinn's position at this establishment was to stand at the door and persuade passers-by to enter, and be robbed. His salary was half the amount of money plundered from the unwary pedestrian whom he lured into the "tiger's" den. In plain words, he was a "capper" or decoy for the thieves up stairs. The place, however, was broken up by the Police, and "Nosey" was once more thrown on his own resources.

At first he was not successful. But eventually, when almost ragged and penniless, he obtained employment suited to his inclinations. A lottery backer, doing business at No. 154 Chatham street, picked John up and gave him a clean suit of clothes. John's pitiable appearance was so much in his favor that even the policy backer took him to his bosom and gave him a small salary. How this ill-judged act the policy backer was rewarded may be judged from the fact that Quinn one morning gathered up the receipts of the office and absconded.

He was next heard of in the City of New-Orleans, where his destitute condition attracted the attention of Johnny Franklin, an old New-York sporting man, who went to California with Billy Mulligan, and afterward settled in the Crescent City. Franklin gave Quinn employment as door-keeper to his cock-pit, which was frequented by all the Southern sportsmen. Johnny Franklin owes "Nosey" Quinn a debt of gratitude which he is eager to repay, although he does not wish to incur the expense of coming to this City to pay it, he would rejoice to see "Nosey" on Canal street, New-Orleans. But he fears that he will never have the pleasure.

Quinn then returned to this City in a very hurried manner, and soon affiliated with the Tammany Ring. In reward for his services he was given a sinecure in Controller Connolly's office at $1,200 a year, a salary which he drew from the City Treasury without performing any services therefor. As an humble imitator of Andrew J. Garvey, Quinn was a success, for in 1872 he was made Janitor of the "Rooms of the Council of Political Reform," in return for sycophantic services rendered. Then he blossomed into Havemeyer's valet and umbrella-carrier, and to-day he is de facto Warden of the City Prison.

Looking at the above record, it may well be asked what can have induced Commissioner Lambeer, a Republican, to vote for "Nosey" Quinn, the Tammany Democrat. Commissioner Lambeer may be assured that his appointment receives the indorsement of Quinn's early companions. Yesterday "Fatty" Walsh said: "It's a bang-up appointment. The first time the Republicans have made a good appointment and put a poor man in office. He ain't worth a dollar." Mr. Walsh may have meant that Quinn was peculiarly eligible by reason of his not being worth a dollar, but in any event Quinn is on the fair road to fortune and fame. And there we leave him.

Warden Johnson yesterday afternoon received his official notice of dismissal, which will take effect on the 21st inst.

TENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT REPUBLICANS.

The Tenth Assembly District Republican Association met last evening at No. 28 First avenue. Mr. Haight, in the absence of the chairman of the committee appointed to examine into the charges made against Alderman Peter Kehr, First Vice President of the association, in relation to his action at the last election, presented the result of the investigation to the meeting. The room was crowded with the most influential Republicans of the district, and considerable interest was manifested in connection with this proceeding. The report stated that the committee had found Mr. Kehr guilty of betraying the Republican interests by voting himself for the Tammany candidates and exerting his influence, by public letters and otherwise, in their favor, and concluded by recommending his expulsion from the organization. This announcement was warmly applauded, and the report was unanimously adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

MEETING OF MASTER CAR-BUILDERS.

The Master Car-builders' Association held a meeting last night for the consideration of the subject of ventilation and warming of cars and buildings. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vanhauten. Prof. Allen, of Philadelphia, advocated a system of warming by warm air, and of exhausting the impure air at the floor. Mr. Allen described a method of warming cars in use on the Reading Railroad, in which the stove is placed below the car, and the air exhausted from the floor. Other gentlemen making the subjects a specialty advocated their own particular systems of warming and ventilating cars. Mr. Chamberlain made a report of experiments he made in ventilating cars on the Boston and Albany Railroad. His experiments showed that the foul air in a car could be most effectually removed, and replaced by pure air, by ventilators placed in the ends of cars. The discussion then became general, and a committee was appointed to investigate and make experiments on the subjects named.

THE ALBION SOCIETY.

A number of the English residents of this City met last evening at the office of Dr. H. H. Cahill, No. 386 Broome street, and formed themselves into an association entitled the "Albion Society." Mr. J. R. Davis presided. The following were elected officers: President, J. R. Davis; Vice Presidents, J. G. Kidd, W. Peasy; Treasurer, F. H. Hallam. Fifty-four members were enrolled.

THE BRADLEY BANKRUPTCY.

The case of William E. Bradley, charged with fraudulently concealing the assets of the bankrupt firm of E. Bradley & Co., which was set down for further examination before United States Commissioner Stevens, yesterday, was postponed one week, on the application of counsel for the defendant.

THE RYAN MURDER.

CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE AS TO THE CHARACTER OF THE CRIME—MORE WORK FOR THE DETECTIVES.

The inquest in the case of Nicholas and Mary Ryan, found murdered in their residence, No. 204 Broome street, on the morning of the 22d of December last, was concluded by Coroner Eickhoff yesterday. The evidence taken on the previous day showed that the Ryans had hired one room from the Burkes, who occupied an entire floor in the house. On the evening before the murder, the Burkes had several visitors, one of whom, a man of powerful frame, it has been since ascertained, went to sea the day following the crime. The evidence adduced yesterday completely destroyed the theory of suicide, and established the case clearly as one of murder.

Henry Miller, residing on the second floor of the house, heard a heavy fall against his door, and at the same time heard some one walking on the hallway of Burke's floor above. He heard a wheezing noise, and blood came under the door. When the Police came, he opened the door, and Nicholas Ryan's body, with the throat cut, fell into the room. He held the lamp while the Police searched Ryan's room. Saw a small pen-knife there, the blade of which was closed. Did not see any blood on the knife or on Nicholas Ryan's clothes, which were lying about the room. Was certain that no one had passed his door and went up stairs to Ryan's room, as he had a little dog which always barked if any one passed, and the dog was perfectly quiet.

Mrs. Annie Colligan, residing at No. 202 Broome street, said that her windows overlooked the rear room occupied by the Burke family, and at 2 o'clock in the morning, a half-hour before the murder, there was a light in Mrs. Burke's rooms, and Mrs. Burke was standing on the floor; heard a noise and low moans, and then heard some one come down her stairs from the roof. The person had boots on, and was walking quick. On hearing of the tragedy next day, saw Maria O'Brien, Mrs. Burke's step-daughter, leaning out of the window, and asked her what was the matter. She replied, "It's only a man committed suicide," and shut down the window. It seemed as though some one in Burke's room had pulled Maria O'Brien's dress, and told her not to say anything more.

Emma Baily, a young girl, residing on the floor beneath Mrs. Colligan, corroborated the testimony of the latter regarding some one rushing down stairs on the morning of the murder.

Jennie Burke, aged eleven years, daughter of Mrs. Burke, was then examined, and testified that on the day of the murder Maria O'Brien was at the window talking to Mrs. Colligan, when her mother told Maria to shut the window and come away.

Johanna and Mary Ryan, sister and sister-in-law of Nicholas and Mary Ryan, swore that on the day of the murder Mrs. Burke, who was greatly excited, said: "They were here last night. I will never shield a murderer."

Officer Reed then testified that while in Ryan's room, early in the morning after the murder, Mrs. Burke asked him to shut the door, as her daughter wanted to go up stairs to the roof, and did not want to see the bodies. He shut the door until Maria O'Brien, Mrs. Burke's stepdaughter, went up stairs, and then opened it. When the girl reached the roof she shouted, "Here's a man's vest!" The vest usually worn by Ryan was then found on the roof. Officers had searched the roof two hours before with lanterns, and had not found it. He had subsequently learned that Maria O'Brien had seen the bodies before she went on the roof.

Sergt. Statsbury then testified that on the last day of the inquest, when Maria O'Brien left the witness stand, he overheard a conversation between her and her mother, Mrs. Burke, said: "Well, how did you get on?" She answered, "All right. They got just so much and no more out of me. I stuck to what we talked about."

The jury, after an absence of two hours, found a verdict that Nicholas and Mary Ryan came to their deaths from incised wounds of the neck, but in what manner inflicted from the evidence in the case they were unable to determine.

STARVING TO DEATH.

AN OLD COIN COLLECTOR AND HIS FAMILY DYING IN THE SIXTH WARD.

A great many will doubtless remember the old man who kept a coin collector's stand at the southern extremity of the City Hall Park, before the erection of the new Post Office was begun. His name was H. C. Dana, and he resided with his wife and three children in two miserable rooms on the third floor, rear, of No. 122 Leonard street. On Wednesday evening, Mr. George Middleton, of Centre and Leonard streets, heard that Dana's wife was dying, and that the unfortunate man and his children were starving. He at once went to the tenement-house, and found that Dana's wife, who had been ill for a long time, was dying; that there was no fire in the place, and that Dana and his children were actually starving to death. He at once sent them food and coal from his restaurant, and took steps to pay off three months' rent owed by Dana to the landlord. Yesterday Mr. Jonathan Edwards, of the Equitable Trust Company, residing at No. 11 West Forty-seventh street, and Mr. J. Davenport, of Boundbrook, N. J., who had heard of the case, called on Mr. Middleton, who brought them to Dana's residence. Both gentlemen were absolutely astonished at the wretchedness and poverty of the place, and, after giving Dana some money, said they would speak to their friends. Mr. Middleton procured the services of Dr. Brekes, the Tombs physician, for Dana's wife, but the unfortunate woman cannot recover.

FUNERAL OF THE STINER FAMILY.

The funeral of the victims of the Sixtieth street fire took place yesterday from the residence of Mr. Moses H. Moses, No. 62 East Fifty-fourth street. Some time before 10 A. M., the hour fixed for the departure of the cortege, a large crowd had collected before the house, and was only kept back by the presence of Capt. Gunner, of the Nineteenth Precinct, and two officers. A number of friends of the family were assembled in the house, and even here the throng was so dense that admission was denied to many persons. The three coffins were arrange in the back parlor, that of Mr. Stiner being in the middle, with the casket containing the remains of Mrs. Stiner on the left, and the daughter's on the right. A number of appropriate floral offerings, the gift of friends, were arranged upon and around the coffins. The female members of the family, Mrs. Moses, Mrs. Lederer, Mrs. Joseph Stiner, and Mrs. Fredenburg, daughter of Mr. Joseph Stiner; the two sons, Philip and Joseph, and the step-brother and son-in-law, Joseph Stiner, were present, and appeared profoundly affected, and frequent expressions of sorrow broke from the female mourners. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Guthel, who, after a brief prayer, feelingly addressed the relatives, and referred to the domestic virtues of the deceased. When he spoke of the daughter he was interrupted again and again by the cries and sobs of her surviving sisters. "Here rests a crown above her head," continued Mr. Guthel, pointing to a beautiful floral wreath, "but a brighter one belongs to her up there. She could have been saved had she been able to leave her dying mother. She could not live with that mother's scream of agony in her ears." When the bearers came forward to remove the coffins, loud exclamations of grief filled the room, and were heard even in the street. The women gave way to their grief, and the full strength of several gentlemen was insufficient to keep them away from the coffins. When the coffin containing the remains of Mr. Stiner was being removed, his daughter, Mrs. Moses, sprang with a sudden burst of energy from the grasp of those who were restraining her, flung herself upon it, and nearly overturned it. She clung to the handle at the head of the coffin till her fingers were unclasped from it, all this time uttering frantic appeals to be allowed to kiss her father once more. She was at last borne back to a sofa, and the remaining coffin was removed. The bodies were taken to Cypress Hills Cemetery, where Dr. Guthiel made another prayer before they were committed to the vault.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Capt. Cook, of the steam-ship Russia, is at the Brevoort House.

Col. W. P. Craighill and Capt. C. W. Howell, United States Army, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Ex-Gov. Rodman M. Price, of New-Jersey, and Capt. A. M. Miller, United States Army, are at the Sturtevant House.

Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, and Andrew D. White, President of Cornell University, are at the Hoffman House.

Hon. William Williams, of Buffalo; Col. H. S. McComb, of Delaware, and Robert Ould, Jr., of Richmond, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Gov. Converse, of Vermont; A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia, and Pay Inspector Caspar Schenck, United States Navy, are at the Windsor Hotel.

Señor Santiago Soler, late Spanish Colonial Minister, arrived here in the steam-ship City of Havana, from Havana, yesterday, and is at the Albemarle Hotel. He will leave for Washington in a few days.

George B. Roberts, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; J. H. Devereux, of Cleveland; John Echols, of Virginia; Judge T. M. Bowen, of Arkansas; Paymaster M. B. Cushing, United States Navy, and David B. Parker, United States Marshal for Virginia, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY.

A meeting of a number of prominent Pennsylvanians resident in this City was held yesterday at the Astor House, for the formation of a Pennsylvania society. There were present Messrs. Charles W. Brooks, Jerome Buck, Leon Abbott, John B. Fassit, W. M. Gallagher, F. F. Mosher, Jay B. Harshaw, D. S. Smith, Daniel B. Biddle, Chas. Roberts, Fred Kloth, and John P. Reid, Jr. Mr. Jerome Buck announced the objects of the proposed society as partly benevolent and partly social, the social element to predominate, and an epoch in the history of Pennsylvania to be celebrated annually by a reunion.

Mr. C. W. Brooke was elected temporary Chairman and James B. Sheridan Secretary. Mr. Brooke announced that he had received many communications from resident Pennsylvanians, promising their hearty co-operation.

On motion of Mr. Buck, a committee of five was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and to report at the next meeting. The Chairman appointed as such committee Jerome Buck, D. S. Riddle, F. F. Mackay, John Read, and J. B. Sheridan. Mr. Brooke was added to the committee. The Society then adjourned.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

RAILROAD MATTERS—CASES OF ARBITRATION AND SUSPENSION.

The St. Louis and St. Joseph Railroad Company having failed to meet the semi-annual interest on its bonds, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, acting as Trustee, and at the request of over one-third of the bondholders, advertised the sale of the road, to take place at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday. A committee, however, representing three-fourths of the bondholders, thought it would be injurious to force a sale at the present time, and this committee accordingly waited upon the Trustee yesterday, and, at their request, he postponed the sale until the 18th of February next. The Atlantic and Richmond Air-line Railroad Company having failed to meet the coupons due on the 1st instant, a committee of the bondholders yesterday issued a circular asking the assent of the bondholders to a foreclosure of the mortgage. A meeting of the bondholders of the roads that now constitute the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad was held yesterday in this City, to consider the proposition of the company to fund its unpaid interest into eight per cent. notes, or to decide upon other measures, possibly a foreclosure upon the property. There was some discussion as to the best course to be pursued, but finally a committee was appointed to consider the question and to report to an adjourned meeting of the bondholders to take place this afternoon.

The total receipts of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1873, amounted to $29,126,851, against $25,806,760 during the preceding year; net earnings for the same period, $11,484,864, against $9,134,940 for the year preceding. The payments last year on account of maintaining road, real estate, &c., were $4,233,489; for repairs of machinery, $3,353,376, and for operating road, $10,053,122. The capital stock is the same as last year, $84,699,300; certificates, $4,729,000. The funded debt is given at $27,725,553. The floating debt is given at $1,167. The cost of road and equipment is given at the close of the year at $78,014,854, against $63,999,925 the preceding year.

The dividend of one and a quarter per cent. guaranteed on the stock of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, which became due yesterday, was not paid, owing to financial difficulties arising out of the late panic. Col. Thomas Scott is the President of the road.

THE NAVAL STORE TRADE.

A meeting of the members of the naval store trade was held yesterday afternoon at the Produce Exchange, for the purpose of considering the new rules recently submitted for the government of the trade. Mr. Zophar Mills presided, and Mr. Judge, of the firm of Murray, Ferris & Co., read the proposed rules. Those, however, relating to turpentine were only discussed, and, after some amendments to make them conform to the rules in force in Wilmington, were adopted, and the meeting then adjourned.

THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

In the arbitration case of Messrs. Sone & Fleming against Messrs. Libby & Clark, petroleum dealers, the committee to whom the matter was referred has decided that Messrs. Libby & Clark were justified in refusing the residuum tendered them by Messrs. Sone and Fleming, under the contract dated March 8, 1873, as it was not in accordance with such contract. The committee further decided that Messrs. Libby & Clark have not established any claim against Messrs. Sone & Fleming for damage, and that the former firm must pay the cost of the first session, amounting to $25, and that the remainder of the costs, $175, must be evenly divided between the respective parties.

FAILURE OF AN EXTENSIVE CONTRACTOR.

In regard to the late difficulties connected with the failure of John Wetherell & Co., contractors, in the matter of constructing Midland and other avenues in the City of Yonkers, and township of East Chester, to pay the men employed by them, and the action of the Commissioners, the following facts have been gathered: When Mr. Wetherell failed he was greatly indebted to the men in his employ. The Commissioners, on receiving notice from the Chief Engineer in charge that Wetherell had stopped work, the arches of the Highland Avenue Bridge being only partly finished, and were in a precarious condition, took advantage of a provision in their contract with Wetherell, declared the same abandoned, and made arrangements for the continuation of the work on Highland Avenue Bridge, under the supervision of Mr. James G. Stewart. As soon as the work on the bridge is completed all work on the new avenues will be suspended until Spring, when progress will be resumed until the funds placed at the disposal of the Commissioners shall become exhausted. The Commissioners estimate that they will require $10,000 in addition to the amount now under their control, to finish the work. The late freshet did a great deal of damage to the roads under that charge of the commission, and will naturally involve a larger expenditure than would otherwise have been necessary. The Commissioners wish it to be distinctly understood that they are in no wise responsible for the non-payment of the persons employed by Wetherell, having paid him in full of all demands due him under the contract. The trouble was occasioned by the late panic, and consequent depreciation of the bonds issued by the Commissioners, which Wetherell agreed to take at par in payment, and which he was unable to sell without considerable sacrifice. It is stated, also, that New-York City was indebted to Wetherell about $20,000 for work done on the boulevards and Tenth-avenue improvements, which he failed to obtain, and that he has been obliged to go into bankruptcy on that account. It is understood that Mr. John L. Brown, of New-York City, was a partner with Wetherell in the Midland avenue contract, and is responsible to the employes of the firm for the labor performed.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The steam-ship China, of the Pacific Mail Line, which caused some anxiety in consequence of being overdue ten days, arrived at San Francisco yesterday morning. The cause of the delay was an accident to her piston-rod. In all other respects the agents here say that the vessel is all right.

The rumor that Gen. Hillhouse, the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this City, would decline a reappointment at the expiration of his term of office, which expires next Summer, is pronounced unfounded.

The resumption of business by the banking-house of Henry Clews & Co. has been succeeded by a full resumption of the London house of Clews, Habicht & Co., and the re-establishment of the extensive ramifications of the foreign business of the two houses.

THE PATERSON SILK WEAVERS.

The silk weavers of Paterson, N. J., met in the Continental Hall in that city on Wednesday, and adopted the following resolution, to be presented to Congress:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled at Washington, D. C.:

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Paterson, State of New-Jersey, being operatives engaged in the various branches of silk manufacture, believe that the present duties on manufactured silks are not in proportion to the cost of the different stages of manufacture. Therefore your petitioners pray that the duty on foreign thrown silk—such as singles, train thrown, or organzine—be reduced to fifteen per cent. ad valorem, thereby increasing the manufacture of the woven fabrics. Therefore, we respectfully petition your honorable bodies, believing that such a course will be productive of great good to the silk manufacturing interest, and will tend to still further develop the silk business of this country.

A committee of five was appointed to carry out the objects of the meeting.

CARDINALS' HATS.

A Paris correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, writing on Dec. 24, says: "Three noble guards have brought to the three new Cardinals in France their hats on the part of the Pope. It has been for many centuries the custom in the Roman Catholic Church, on the death of a Cardinal, to suspend his hat from the vault of the metropolitan chapel, behind the chief altar. This hat remains there until the nomination of a new Cardinal, when it is taken down with great ceremony and placed in the treasury. It is only necessary to count the number of hats to see how many Cardinals have succeeded each other in Paris. All these symbols are carefully preserved. The hat of the last Cardinal of Paris was that of Monsignor Morlot, and it has now been placed in the treasury in the same chest with the blood-stained surplices of Monsignors Affre, Sibour, and Darboy. The treasury of the cathedral of Cambrai still possesses the hat of the famous Cardinal Dubois, and also a pastel of that prelate, both covered with crape, for the intimate friend and Minister of the Regent Orleans was hardly a respectable churchman. As for the hat of the last Cardinal of Cambrai, it was destroyed by fire when the cathedral was burned down about fifteen years ago. The consequence is that there is no hat at Cambrai, and Rome is trying to have mention of the Archbishop's hat omitted."

POSTSCRIPT.

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THE VILLE DU HAVRE.

INDEMNITY REFUSED TO SUFFERERS BY THE DISASTER.

LONDON, Jan. 16—5 A. M.—Henry Belknap, a passenger on the steamer Ville du Havre, writes to the *Times* that the French Transatlantic Steam-ship Company, relying upon the exculpation of their officers by the French court, refuse to indemnify parties for the loss of friends and property by the disaster, and sufferers propose to seek redress in the New-York courts.

SPAIN.

CAUSES OF THE CARTAGENA SURRENDER—THE FUGITIVES TO BE GIVEN UP.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The *Times* correspondent at Cartagena reports that a tumult of the people, who were convinced of the treachery of the leaders, precipitated the surrender.

It is understood that the French Government will deliver to Spain, under the extradition treaty, those of the Cartagenian refugees now in Algeria, who are accused of piracy and other civil crimes.

RUSSIA.

THE BRITISH PRINCES IN ST. PETERSBURG.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 15.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have arrived here.

A grand fête will be given at the American Legation in honor of the Duke of Edinburgh's marriage on Monday.

THE TEXAS QUESTION.

THE VOTE COUNTED—COKE DECLARED GOVERNOR BY THE LEGISLATURE—DAVIS' TROOPS IN THE CAPITOL AT AUSTIN.

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 15.—A special dispatch to the *News* says that at 3:30 o'clock P. M. the Clerk of the House entered the Senate Chamber and announced that the House required the attendance of the Senate to witness the counting of the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor in joint session. A motion was made and adopted that the Senate repair to the House. The following is the State vote: For Governor—Coke, 83,549; Davis, 42,663; for Lieutenant Governor—Hubbard, 86,825; Taylor, 42,812.

As soon as the vote was announced, Speaker Bryan said: In conformity with the mandates of the Constitution and the requisition of the Legislature, I hereby declare Richard Coke Governor of the State of Texas for four years from the date of his installation, (immense cheering) and then by authority and direction of the constitution, and the declaration of this Legislature, I hereby declare R. D. Hubbard Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas for a term of four years, dating from his installation.

Senator Dillard moved that a committee of three be appointed from the Senate to escort the Governor-elect to the stand; also a like number from the House. Adopted.

Senators Dillard, Ledbeller, and Swift, and Representatives Sayres, Epperson, and Harris then escorted Gov. Coke and Lieut. Gov. Hubbard to the Speaker's stand.

Judge Lindsay administered the oath of office to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, after which the Governor delivered his inaugural address.

This evening Gen. Britton had a number of armed men standing sentinel in the basement of the Capitol to prevent ingress and egress of the State officers. Some of the force were white and some negroes, all with muskets and bayonets fixed. Gen. Britton appeared in full-dress uniform. It seems to be the determination of Gov. Davis to resist the taking possession of those rooms by the force, unless greater force is used by the opponents.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

We are indebted to Purser Patten, of the steam-ship City of Havana, for favors.

The Spanish iron-clad Arapiles is lying at anchor off the Battery. It has been ascertained that she willl sail on Monday next for Cuban waters.

Ellen Garvey, aged seventeen, a servant employed at No. 2,332 Third avenue, was seriously burned, yesterday morning, by her clothing igniting from a stove in which she was lighting a fire.

The New-York Typographical Society, instituted July 4, 1809, will celebrate the 166th anniversary of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin this evening, at the hall of the New-York Turners' Association.

Prof. Favarger will this evening give the first of a brief series of recitations in the French language, at the Union League Theatre. The recitation will combine, we are sure, amusement and instruction.

The will of the late Eli White has been admitted to probate by Surrogate Hutchings, and letters testamentary granted to John J. White, a son of the deceased. The assets are estimated to be over $1,000,000.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, yesterday, Rose Reilly was indicted for the murder in the second degree of her grandson, Patrick Donnelly, during a drunken quarrel. She pleaded not guilty, and was remanded.

The Hammonia, of the Hamburg Line of steamers, which left this port yesterday, carried the German and other European mails in 116 bags, forty-nine bags containing 32,004 letters, and seventy-five bags of miscellaneous printed matter.

The Charity Amateur Dramatic Association has donated the proceeds of the entertainment given at the Academy of Music on the 20th ult. to the families of Capt. Fry, Del Sol, Cespedes, and Santa Rosa, victims of the Virginius massacre.

BROOKLYN.

The store of Michael Burns, corner of Union place and Bleeker street, was entered yesterday by burglars, who succeeded in carrying away a qu